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Homes for the elderly planned to replace town cattle market

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council has at last revealed its plan for Cowbridge Cattle Market – and it is to sell off the land to fund residential property for the elderly.

The plan was agreed yesterday (June 22) by the Vale Council cabinet, and it tolls the death knell for any future livestock markets.

Earlier this year, the weekly market was given a reprieve when Glamorgan Marts negotiated a last-minute deal with the council to trade as a livestock market for a 12-month period.

However, now that the council has shown its hand, it seems that the driving force behind its plan is the need to provide for the increasing elderly population in the Vale.

Under the plan, the cattle market site will be sold, and either a privately funded and managed Extra Care facility, or some other suitable older person's development, will be built.

The cash received from the land sale will go towards the cost of funding homes for older residents – elsewhere in the Vale.

The report being considered says that these homes could be an Extra Care complex, or some other type of older persons' social care residential development – or a combination of both.

There are no plans to keep any public car parking on the cattle market site, but any company that buys it will be expected to upgrade and resurface three car parks along the town walls. *(See diagram on page 3.)*

This would involve knocking down the existing cattle sheds on site B, thereby creating a number of new parking places.

However, with the loss of the existing parking on the cattle market site, it looks as if there will be a net loss of parking spaces.

An existing Public Right of Way runs along the edge of the cattle market site where it joins the playing fields. The right of way also passes a disused toilet block that will also be sold as part of site A.

The council report says that the recent Rural Housing Market Assessment (RHMA), undertaken in 2010 by Fordham Research and commissioned by the housing department, supports the decision.

The RHMA concluded that the highest proportions of older person's households are found in Cowbridge with Llanblethian, where more than 40 per cent of the population are "pensioner households".

A pensioner household is defined by Fordham Research as one where the main owner, or renter, is a pensioner.

The GEM received letters from older people in Cowbridge when the lower school site was marketed, saying that they would like to "downsize" and stay here, but that no suitable homes were available.

They urged that any new development should include a proportion of suitable homes.

The report claims that one regeneration benefit will be "delivering improved parking for Cowbridge town centre."

However, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Andy Banks, was unconvinced of this.

He told The GEM: "Anything that involves reducing the total number of car parking spaces will not be to the advantage of the town.

"I agree that it is good that local people should be able to 'downsize' and continue to live here, but trade is the heartbeat of the town and it has to be a priority."

Mike Meredith, who is a member of the Cowbridge Charter Trust, approved of the plans to knock down the cattle sheds and create a car park.

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Meet Iolo's flower girls!

One of these girls is due to follow in her great-gran's footsteps. (Turn to page 19 to see who).

ABOVE: These six girls from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg have a big day ahead – dancing on a very big stage. (SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS).

£200 million shops plan at Ponyclun

AN ambitious plan to create a new 'town centre' between Pontyclun and Talbot Green was unveiled this week.

The developers claim that it could create 1,900 jobs. *(See page 8 for full details).*

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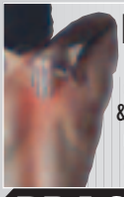

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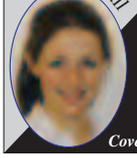

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Vale's 'lack of transparency'

ERIC THOMAS' letter in last week's GEM regarding the naming of the new Welsh medium school in Barry made for worrying reading.

The lack of transparency put forward by the Vale cabinet as to why they rejected the governing body's unanimous decision to name the new school *Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor* is especially worrying.

Why ask the governing body to decide on a name – a name put forward by its pupils – if the Vale cabinet simply overrules their decision and disregards the opinions of those who matter? The whole affair sounds decidedly dodgy.

To build upon Mr Thomas's point that schools in Barry can be named after political figures such as Palmerston and Gladstone, shows that a precedent has been set.

So why not name a school after Gwynfor Evans? The fact that Gwynfor Evans was a Barry boy only makes the cabinet's decision even more peculiar.

Gwynfor's life work to ensure a future for the Welsh language in Wales, surely makes him a far more inspirational figure to our future generations than the opium-addicted poet, Iolo Morganwg, whose name was adopted for the Welsh medium school in Cowbridge in 1979.

I can only hope that the Ysgol Sant Baruc pupils involved in the decision-making process are not overly disillusioned by the disrespectful way that they have been treated.

Is it any surprise that young people don't engage in politics? Let's hope that the cabinet changes its stance on this issue – so that the children of Barry can see that there is a future for democracy.

Huw Jones,
Barry.

Councillors' White Farm votes vital!

IN reply to the manager of Persimmon Homes, Steve Williams, in last week's GEM (Developer speaks out on White Farm') I have been consistent in my opposition to developing White Farm for over 20 years.

During that time, we have had many battles, some we won some we lost. But I have always believed that any developments should be directed to brown field sites such as Barry Docks, and not green field sites like White Farm.

I have also always supported the majority of my residents who clearly want this green area to be kept as a 'green lung' for the people of Barry.

At tonight's planning meeting (June 23) I will once again voice my concerns – such as the extra flood risk this development might present to local residents and local schools such as Gwaun y Nant and Oakfield; the increase in traffic which will only add to the morning chaos along Colcot; and also the high density of the housing on such a sensitive site.

Finally, just because the developer has gained outline planning permission, does NOT then mean that they automatically get reserved planning permission.

If democratically-elected councillors have serious planning concerns, then it is their duty to raise them and vote accordingly.

If any residents of Barry share my concern about White Farm, please join me outside the Civic Offices in Holton Road tonight to lobby councillors as they arrive for the planning meeting at 5.30pm

Coun Rob Curtis,
Barry

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'Nursery event not part of town walls celebrations'

THE GEM recently carried an advertisement feature about the new nursery housed at the former health centre in Old Hall grounds, Cowbridge.

Whilst acknowledging the nursery's decision to stage their open day to coincide with our planned celebration of the completion of work to restore our town walls (and phase one of the revival of Old Hall Gardens), I must point out that the nursery's event and ours are entirely separate.

The restoration of the town walls, initiated by Cowbridge Charter Trust, was planned, prepared and supervised in its entirety by the Trust and funded by a grant from the Vale Council, creating a saving for the authority of more than £300,000 in so doing.

This has been an admirable local initiative employing local craftsmen and consultants, so I must make it clear that our celebration of that achievement should not be confused with the nursery school, which is a private run-for-profit enterprise, whereas our walls restoration has been achieved through the initiative of Cowbridge Charter Trust and all those volunteers who have helped us.

It is work of signal importance to the town of which I and fellow trustees feel justly proud. Indeed, I suggest there is no better example of the government's vaunted Big Society in action, which is why we intend to celebrate it in a suitably modest way on Saturday, July 16.

It will be a free event to which all citizens are invited, so please keep an eye on The GEM for more details nearer the time and check our Cowbridge Charter Trust website (*www.-cowbridge-charter-trust.co.uk*).

Hugh Field,
(Chairman, Cowbridge Charter Trust)

Llantwit a 'Jekyll and Hyde' town?

AS a long time resident of the commercial 'Old Town' in Llantwit Major, I would like to support Ms Redwood in her accurate portrayal of weekend and bank holiday incidents.

The neighbourhood presents itself as Jekyll and Hyde, with a quiet rural character during the days and absolute mayhem during the evenings.

In a letter last week, the writer noted rather snidely "…if Rachel Redwood was looking for a 'home in the country' she should have looked elsewhere." This entirely misses the point.

Reasonable allowances are made for heavy traffic, footfall, and patronage of cafes, restaurants, and beer gardens.

What is not acceptable (and what the complaint is clearly about) is the anti-social and illegal behaviour and activity which occurs in this area.

I've had three bikes stolen; garden furniture damaged or stolen; clothes taken from my line; breaking and entering (whilst I was in the house); people repeatedly urinating on my house; people vomiting on my house; people urinating on my car; using the porch as a hang-out place to smoke; kids huffing spray paint and glue in the alley; drunk people climbing on my garden wall; drunk people trying to enter my house through a window; people leaving glasses and broken bottles up and down the lanes and on window sills.

I've also had to report numerous GBH and fight incidents which have occurred outside my door. From there the list goes on and on.

I've lived in one of the busiest cities in the world and never experienced as much drunken and anti-social behaviour as I have experienced living in Llantwit's Old Town.

Anyone who visits during the day is in for a big surprise for what happens after dark. I pity the house hunter who will be ill prepared for what is in store unless they camp out on the street over the weekend.

Unless people raise the issues about what is going on (without being vilified for coming forward), there is never going to be any improvement.

Instead of shooting the messenger, maybe we should look for the best way for managing (and hopefully solving) this ongoing and very distressing problem.

Name and address supplied

Memorial does need a clean-up

WITH regard to the letter from Christopher Short about Wenvoe war memorial in last week's GEM, I took the matter up with David Hughes, the memorials officer of the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association.

He confirmed that he had photographed the memorial a few years ago, when it was indeed showing signs of wear, and that Mr Short is correct in saying that it could do with a thorough clean and the re-highlighting of the names.

As the memorial has a special area in the village, we think that the Vale of Glamorgan Council would have some responsibility for its care.

Another organisation which might be able to help would be the War Memorials Trust, whose regional volunteer is a Mr Ceri Jones, who could be contacted via the Trust's email address info@warmemorials.org.uk.

Hopefully this information will enable Mr Short to ensure that the memorial is refurbished in the near future.

Gavin Davies,
Penmark.

'Women-only move is a step too far'

I RESIGNED from the Labour Party because of its unfair policy of imposing all-women shortlists which effectively banned men from standing in elections.

It now appears that New Labour deputy leader Harriet Harman wants to take this a step further by demanding the party changes its rules so that its leader or deputy leader must always be a woman.

Now as a trade unionist, I'm all for promoting women and equality and trying to get more women involved in politics. However, I believe this is a step too far because I feel that it should be the best person for their job regardless of their sex or anything else for that matter.

I was effectively bullied out of the party for showing my opposition to this form of sexual discrimination.

I will always stand by my view that the exclusion of males is unfair and against the principle of equality. This clearly is a step too far!

Coun Richard Bertin,
Independent Member,
Vale Council.

Aberfan Taf thanks sponsors

I WOULD like to thank everyone who sponsored Aberfan Taf in the recent teddy parachute jump, with special thanks to Morrisons of Barry and JJ Windows for their sponsorship, enabling Aberfan Taf to raise over £200 in sponsorship money.

This is Aberfan Taf's second successful fundraiser after he was first purchased over 40 years ago to raise money for the Aberfan disaster. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Don Davies,
Barry.

'Thank you from Age Concern!'

Photograph: Heather March

ON behalf of Age Concern's Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme, I would like to thank everyone who generously supported or attended our very successful coffee morning on June 9.

Together with donations received on the day, we raised an amazing £631. This will go towards our clients' Christmas party, and towards supporting the good neighbour scheme.

Just as important as the money raised, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers and advisory group, who worked so hard in order to make the event such a success. Without their help and kindness we could not hold these events.

Kathryn Coupland
Good neighbour scheme co-ordinator

Praise for the A&E

ON reading last week's GEM, I felt every sympathy for the Kenfig Hill family who had to wait seven hours at Princess of Wales Hospital's A&E.

However, our family tell a very different story. Our brother has lung problems and has visited the A&E numerous times this year alone.

His treatment, and the speed of it, has been wonderful. We cannot praise the staff enough, both there and in CDU.

He has been transferred to Ward 5 and even spent two weeks in the High Dependency Unit.

He was sent for an operation to Morriston, which was successful, and has now been transferred back into the care of Bridgend.

I know we all have different stories to tell, but feel that praise should also be given where it is due.

E M Davies,
Boverton.

Old phones for Heroes campaign

BON MARCHE, Holton Road, Barry, has been collecting old mobile phones for Help for Heroes.

We have exceeded our target as we aimed to collect 100 phones, but we have so far had 120 brought into store and we are still going strong!

All thanks to the generosity of the people of Barry and surrounding areas.

We hope that we have made people more aware of this cause as Phones for Heroes are doing a fantastic job in helping raise money. Their website is www.phones-forheroes.com.

Sandra Downing,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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24 Fri	01.41	7.9	13.59	7.7
25 Sat	02.37	7.8	15.05	7.5
26 Sun	03.38	7.5	16.16	7.6
27 Mon	04.53	7.9	17.25	7.9
28 Tues	05.54	8.2	18.17	8.4
29 Wed	06.43	8.5	18.59	8.8
30 Thur	07.27	8.8	19.46	9.0

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Lucy (left) and Carrie at journey's end, The Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Two local women praise 'inspiring' servicemen on epic charity ride

by TIM CHAPMAN

TWO local woman have raised more than £8,000 for Help for Heroes by completing an epic French cycle ride alongside men injured in wars abroad.

Carrie Williams from the village of Sutton and Lucy Higgins from Llanblethian covered 380 miles, enduring testing conditions over the six day ride.

But Carrie, who works for the BBC in Llandaff, was keen to point out that the real heroes of the ride were their companions.

"We were riding with people who were double amputees and were riding on hand bikes which are rather like go-carts.

"The riders were a mix of men and women, all ages, and we were privileged to have servicemen from the British and US Forces alongside us.

"They were truly inspiring. We didn't dare complain because where we were riding seven hours, they might be doing 10 hours!"

Carrie and Lucy's marathon began on June 5 when they met other riders in Portsmouth and cycled to the overnight ferry bound for Le Harvre.

Over the next five days, the riders travelled from Ste Mere Eglise all the way to Paris, crossing Pegasus Bridge, and visiting Caen, Falaise, the Mace, Lisieux, and Evreux on the way.

Some time was also set aside for remembrance of those killed in conflicts.

Carrie explained: "It was quite a challenge because it was windy and hilly, but Lucy and I had prepared well.

"We had trained hard, sometimes doing three days of 50 miles back to back, and individual rides of up to 72 miles.

"It meant that we were able to complete the ride respectably."

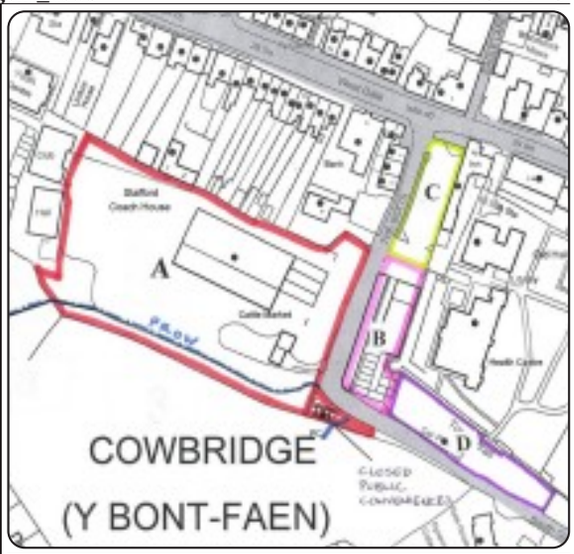
Carrie and Lucy, whose son is in the Army, arrived in Paris on Friday afternoon, June 10.

Most of their fundraising has been done in the Vale.

Carrie said: "On the final day we were able to ride to the Arc de Triomphe and down Champs Elysees to the Eiffel Tower.

"I have raised around £3,500 and Lucy has raised about £4,500, so with more money coming in we have topped £8,000."

Two years ago, Carrie was featured in The GEM when she cycled from Cowbridge to Coventry, her home town, to help fund a pre-school nursery garden and equipment in Colwinston.



ABOVE: On the diagram the existing cattle market site is site A; the car parking areas are marked B, C and D.

CATTLE MARKET TO BECOME HOMES?

(*CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*)

He said: "Removing the sheds will expose the historic town walls, so people would be able to see them in their entirety. It will definitely enhance the town."

Peter Knapp, the chairman of Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society, which operates the Market Theatre, said that he was perfectly happy to see more residents living near the theatre.

He added: "We recently accepted a new 25-year lease at the theatre, and the council has assured us that access to the theatre will not be affected by any development."

Rotarians seek right applicant for team project

The Rotary Club of Cowbridge isseeking a suitable person to be part of a group study exchange team to visit the Philippines in March-April 2012.

Travel costs to, and within the Philippines, will be covered by Rotary, and accommodation will be with Rotarian families.

Applicants must be professional men or women between the ages of 25 and 40 years; fully employed and residing or working within south Wales; must not be closely related to a Rotarian; personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players and physically and mentally up to the demands of a challenging and vigorous programme.

They must be able to devote the necessary time to team preparations, and to the four week period of the GSE tour; participate in development of the team and be fully involved in team preparations; remain with the team throughout the visit to the Philippines; give presentations in the host district; on return, make presentations and complete GSE reports.

In addition, they have to be enthusiastic to learn/compare business, industrial, educational, cultural, governmental, aspects of the two countries and heir applications endorsed by the local Rotary Club.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Robert Elward: robertelward@btinternet.com or telephone: 01994 427687. The closing date is Friday July 8.

Festival's new website

COWBRIDGE Food and Drink Festival is busy rebranding and hopes to have a new website up and running by mid July.

This year the f:estival is being held on October 29–30.

The website will include a page for local businesses with logo and hyperlink to a specified webpage.

All those interested are asked to email the company name, logo and web address to: info@cowbridge-foodanddrink.org by July 9.

CADS play it for laughs...

CADS 2011 summer production is 'Temporary Shelter' by award-winning novelist Rose Tremain, described as 'a rip-roaring comedy', originally written for radio, which won the Giles Cooper Award for the best radio play of 1984.

Now adapted for the stage, the play is set in a French campsite near Avignon, and tells the story of what happens when a failed businessman, Larry, meets Trist, a failed Shakespearian actor and would-be writer. Change happens to both of them on the night of a summer ball.

The play has been adapted for the stage by Peter Sain ley Berry from Cowbridge and stars Lloyd Lee. It will run from July 13-16 in the Market Theatre, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Trevor Davies, newsagents, Cowbridge High Street, or reserved in advance on 01446 773874.

Rose Tremain.

Bridge club news

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club night on June 13:

First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 65.51 per cent; Second, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox, 64.35; Third, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler, 61.81; Fourth, David Birt and Liam Sheridan, 56.48; Sixth, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris, 54.17.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, club night June 14:

First, Ann Miller andJudy Springett, 57.00 per cent; Second, Hugh Williams and Gordon Berrey, 56.67; Third, Teri Pollard and David Wright, 55.00; Fourth, Joan Bird and Luba Ashworth, 52.78; Pat and Brian Swain 52.78; Sixth, Margaret and Ian Fernyhough, 51.67; Sixth, Anne Thomas and Pauline Lane 51.67. **BS**

JOIN RHYS FOR 'MEN ON THE RUN' EVENT

MEN in the Vale are being invited to join former Wales rugby international, Rhys Williams, on a charity run in his home town at 10am on Sunday, July 3.

The 'Men on the Run in Cowbridge' event is being held at the town's rugby club and is dedicated '*In memory of Jeff Wadham, Neil Trehearne and the many friends we have lost in this town…*'

Rhys Williams has strong connections with the town, having attended Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, and then on to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

He played his first ever senior rugby match for Cowbridge RFC, a club where his father is a former captain.

Rhys went on to get 44 caps for Wales, and was a part of the 2005 Grand Slam team.

It is only the third such event in Wales and England – the previous two 'Men on the Run' days have been in Gloucester and Worcestershire.

The chairman of the local Cancer Research UK committee, Anne Birt, explained: "We were keen to do the event in memory of great characters and friends that we have lost locally, and hope that it might be the first of a number of events.

"Participants have a choice of two runs for the charity, 10km or a less arduous 5km.

"In fact, we don't mind if people walk it, so long as they do the fundraising!"

The registration fee is £10 and people are asked to seek sponsorship from family, friends or perhaps a business. To obtain a free pack call Anne on 01446 774062 or email her on Annebirt@hotmail.co.uk

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DELUGE FAILS TO DAMPEN SPIRITS AT Y BONT FAEN'S FATHERS' DAY DUCK RACE

IT was certainly weather for ducks on Saturday at Y Bontfaen primary school's father's day duck race in the park!

The heavens opened and a deluge flooded down, just as the duck catchers walked up to the River Thaw, just before midday.

Year-6 pupils James Morris, Iestyn Thomas and Jordan Malony were brave 'duck catchers' – the water was quite cold this year!

Once again, they shepherded the ducks down stream past all the obstacles, around the culvert by the church, which must have been four feet deep this year!

They were cheered on by some very wet onlookers and helped along by our own rower, Pete Gardener – who did not bring his own boat to paddle downstream in.

The boys untangled the ducks and eventually helped them on their way, straight into the arms of our new bridge keeper this year, Alun John!

He came quite prepared in his full length waders and waterproofs.

The winning duck was purchased by Ella Malvisi in year-5, who won her dad a crate of beer and some other goodies.

The second place was won by duck catcher Jordon Malony, year-6 – nothing suspicious there, then! He swears it was a fair race!

Finally, the third place was won by our new girl, Elin Lowrie, in reception. Well done everyone!

Then it was all back to school for our summer fayre and, new this year, inflatables! It was touch and go as to whether they would put up the assault course with all the rain, but eventually at 1pm it started to go up and it was fantastic fun for all ages.

Another castle, penalty shootout and the pillow bash were set up indoors, just in case! Even Mr Griffiths, headteacher, and Mrs Hayman, foundation phase leader, got on the pillow bash – just to test it out, of course!

The PTA chair Richard Watson and his buddy Dean Thomas were lending a hand with the cooking – the burgers sold out and they sent out for more supplies.

I'm sure that their wives will be keen to test out their talents again.

There were lots of stalls and games for the children, who all got quite competitive over the welly winging.

Father and son Alan and Rhydian Williams could not be beaten for the KS1 children.

Our resident bard and Top Trumps champion James Morris tried very hard to win the KS2 challenge, but was pipped to the post by year-5 pupil Huw Griffiths.

The year-5 and year-3 children were quite entrepreneurial this year and sold herbs, cakes and fathers' day gifts, donating £65 to the total.

The local traders of Cowbridge donated more than 20 raffle prizes and helped raise more than £700 on the day.

For the children, it was their first chance to try the new adventure playground that has been purchased by the PTA – so this £700 will come in very handy.

We are all asking Derek the weather man for good weather today (Thursday) when we are due to have our European day sports event from 9.15am.

The boys are cooking breakfast again, so don't be late!

JAYNE MORRIS

Cowbridge Art Society

A RECENT report submitted to The GEM concerning the 50th anniversary of the Cowbridge Art Society contained an error, when founder member, Mr Harold Veale, was mistakenly given the Christian name 'Reginald'.

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

Mark Newton receives his cheque (above) and gets an official welcome to Cowbridge from the mayor (below).

The loneliness of the (very) long distance mobility scooter man

AN unusual visitor passed through Cowbridge last Friday (June 17) – and he was welcomed by the Town Mayor and the president of Rotary.

Mark Newton, who lives in Swansea,has been travelling all around Wales, keeping as close to the coast as possible, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

He did, however, make a short detour inland to Cowbridge to receive a donation from the Rotary Club of Cowbridge.

When Mark arrived at the town hall, he was met by the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Andy Banks, and the Rotary club president, David Pierce, who presented a cheque for £100.

Mark was on day 48 of his trip, which means that his mobility scooter has held up very well.

He told The GEM: "I recharge it every night and get 25-30 miles each day, depending on the terrain."

Mark started the trip from Llanelli more than 50 days ago, and finished on Tuesday (June 21).

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION FOR LOCAL PENSIONERS

If you are aged 65 or older and do NOT currently receive any council tax benefits, you could be entitled to a one-off discount on your 2011/12 council tax.

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To apply, please call in to Bridgend County Borough Council's Customer Service Centre with proof of age. Or you can send a short letter with your full name, address and contact details, stating you would like to apply for the Pensioner Discount 2011 to: **Bridgend County Borough Council, The Taxation Section, Pensioner Discount 2011, Level 1, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB**. Proof of age must be supplied, eg birth certificate, passport, driving licence but please send **COPIES ONLY**. Do not send original documents. All applications must be received by **31 August 2011**. Unfortunately late applications will not be considered.

Remember, if you received the discount last year, you do NOT need to reapply. We will contact you. However, please get in touch if your address has changed in the last year.

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Top volunteer Wendy's 800-hour record of unpaid service

HOSPITAL volunteer Wendy Jones has given 800 hours unpaid service, has been presented with a certificate signed by the First Minister Carwyn Jones AM.

She is based in the cardiac investigation unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend,where staff have heaped praise on her hard work and dedicated commitment.

Ann Power, unit manager at the cardiac investigation unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, said: "Wendy started with us as a volunteer in February 2009 and became one of the team from day one.

"Her role is to help the staff with providing beverages and meals to the patients and to meet and greet the patients on arrival, which she does with her lovely smile and gentle manner, which helps to put the patients at ease when they arrive on the unit.

"Wendy, however, does more than you would expect from a volunteer, who after al,l is not being paid for the hours she spends on the unit. She is flexible and always prepared to come in on a different day if it benefits the unit and helps the staff. She is very popular with the patients and is often mentioned in the thank you letters we receive. Everyone loves having her around.

"At the beginning, I wasn't sure what to expect from the volunteer service, but Wendy has turned out to be an asset to the department and a valued member of our team.

"We wouldn't want to be without her and she thoroughly deserves the recognition she has had for the 800 hours she has spent volunteering in the hospital.

Glenda Phillips, colunteer coordinator based at Glanrhyd Hospital, commented: "Wendy Jones is one of our many hospital volunteers who gives her time freely to help others. She is based at the Cardiac Investigation Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital where she has been a valued member of the team for over two years.

"Volunteer's Week (June 1-7) gave us the ideal opportunity to show Wendy how much her contribution is appreciated by the staff at the unit who constantly praise her generosity and commitment.

"With only a small number of certificates available it was difficult to single out individual volunteers as they are all so wonderful and deliver such a fantastic service. We are very grateful for the dedication and commitment shown by all our volunteers who really make a difference by enhancing patient experience.

"Other volunteers to receive the award are Doreen Gray who is based at the endoscopy unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital and Geraint John, who supports new volunteers and assists in promoting our volunteer service."

ABOVE: Ann Power presents Wendy Jones with a Volunteers Week Certificate, signed by the First Minister, Carwyn Jones, acknowledging her outstanding contribution.

Man jailed after series of thefts

by AJ SICLUNA

A VALE man who was involved in a series of offences including shoplifting and stealing park railings, has been jailed for a total of one year at Cardiff Crown Court.

Leighton Drew, 19, of Barry was told by Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones: "The realistic position is that the only sentence I can impose is custody.

He was committed to the crown court for sentence by Vale magistrates after being convicted of shoplifting and theft.

He was also in breach of a community order for a drugs offence and of a suspended sentence for burglary.

Drew also admitted absconding when on bail.

Prosecutor Carys Williams said that on March 23, he stole a bottle of vodka from an Iceland store in Barry. He was arrested two days later, admitted the theft and also said he had stolen cosmetics.

The court was told that when on bail, he stole a number of metal fence panels with another man and was spotted carrying them in the Westbury Close area.

Ms Williams said that last October he was given a suspended sentence for burgling a house in Barry with another and taking a £600 television after "an untidy search".

At the time the occupants had left for work. Drew's counsel, Laurence Jones, said: "He realises his position. He has been making progress in respect of a community order which also involved a curfew.

"He committed the theft because he had no money on which to live.

"In November, he is due to become a father, which will help re-focus his life. He is determined to turn over a new leaf."

SPORTS DAY BOOST FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

LAST week, Llanfair Primary School was blessed with fine weather for what turned out to be a fantastic sports day.

As can be seen here, there were superb fast runners, flying eggs, hair-raising experiences and a supportive crowd to cheer everyone on.

During the event, refreshments were sold by Llanfair Primary School PTA which raised over £90.

The past glories of Dunraven Castle

COLWINSTON AND LLYSWORNEY WI

THE speaker in June was Ken Price, who gave us an illustrated talk on the history of Dunraven Castle, from its humble beginnings in the 17th Century to its demise in 1962.

It started life as a farm house, then a manor house, and was renovated in the 18th Century by the Wyndham family into a very splendid castle.

It was requisitioned during WW1 as a convalescent home and in WW2 was used by the Red Cross.

The family trust tried to sell the castle in the 1950s, but without success and so decided to sell off everything, including wood panelling, doors,and pipework.

It was then demolished and the remains stand as we see it today. A sad end to a once-magnificent building

The village fete was discussed and members were asked to volunteer for the WI float and to help with the teas.

A trip to St Fagans for the outdoor theatre presentation of *Pirates of Penzance* was organised for July.

At the May, meeting, the resolution for the national AGM in Liverpool was discussed and voted on. A total of 97 per cent of the 4,500 members who attended voted in favour of the resolution to urge HM Government to support local libraries.

The mobile library in the Vale is to cease at the end of this year. The library intends to set up a housebound service (with certain criteria) with volunteers to provide this service.

KJ

A TREAT FOR BIRD-LOVERS

SOUTHERNDOWN WI NEWS

THE June meeting of Southerndown WI was a meeting with a difference.

Alan from Barry was accompanied by colleague Anne and their feathered friends. Most members were enchanted by them, but the writer has a phobia about birds, so this was not her favourite diversion.

Nevertheless, the patience, care, devotion and time spent tending these rescued owls, was most impressive. Back in 1988, Anne Bird (truly her real name) rescued a swan in distress at Cosmeston.

With the help of a Newport bird rescue centre, the Barry Swan Rescue Service was established, snowballed and eventually became a victim of its own success, closing in 2008 due to lack of resources.

Owls vary in size, age span, appearance and colour and not all are nocturnal. Mrs Bird experienced a touch of kudos when one rescued raven was tended, treated and sent to reside in splendour at the Tower of London. Members who wished could hold, stroke and photograph the owls, who seemed quite at home for a short time in a village church hall.

President Rhiannon Gaen greeted members and, as delegate, gave a report of the AGM at Liverpool.

She made the most of her short time there as a tourist, as well as being official representative.

Institute was informed that the 'mega farms' resolution was inconclusive.

Other points of interest: GFWI show, North Cornelly, July 9; Jewellery felting day, neath, October 26; Federation quiz, Porthcawl, September 29; Autumn walk, Cyfartha Castle, Merthyr Tydfil, October 8; WI real jam festival, Denman College, October 8/9.

The next monthly meeting is on July 14, St Brides Major church hall, 7.15pm. The talk will be Port Sunlight with William Lever and Pamela Robson.

BM

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

THE Sunday bus service for the area has been taken over by Watts Coaches. Service times will remain the same.

THE Earl of Dunraven's Memorial Service takes place today (June 25) at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major at 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

THE St Brides Major branch of the Mothers' Union met at St Bridget's Church on June 13 to celebrate 120 years of the formation of the branch.

The celebrations took place in the presence of the Archbishop of Wales. St Brides major with Wick was founded by Mrs C E Booker of Slon (Sea Lawns) Ogmore-by-Sea.

In 1893 the first committee of presidents was held in London and was attended by Mrs Booker as the Llandaff delegate. The St Brides Major branch although in one of the smallest parishes in the diocese, now has the largest active membership. The service was very 'local', the first hymn being St Bridget's Hymn written by Bill Rowlands (a past member).

The children of the St Brides Major Church in Wales School sang their well-rehearsed pieces. The service was taken by priest in charge the Venerable Philip Morris and the address given by the Archbishop.

The service was followed by a festive supper in the school hall.

THE midsummer charity concert held on June 10 at St Bridget's Church, with performances by local singers and musicians in aid of the Joshua Foundation OZ Experience 2012, was a tremendous success and raised approximately £400 for the cause.

OGMORE-BY-SEA champion dog owner Mike Larkin recently received an invitation to visit Norway with Larki gundogs and labradors to give gundog instruction.They flew into Amsterdam and then on to Oslo and prepared seminar details for June 11–12. Handlers were invited from all over Norway for the two-day event. The seminar was a great success and they will be returning next year.

THE local produce market at the Church Hall, St Brides Major, on June 18 was well attended.

The market is held on the third Saturday of the month, the next one being July 16 at 10am–12 noon.

Vale Mayor's Poppy party for British Legion

ABOVE (left to right): The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Eddie Williams; the Mayor of Barry, Coun Bronwen Brooks; Vale Mayor Coun John Clifford; and the Mayor of Penarth, Coun Anthony Ernest.

As the photographs above show, the party was very well supported by friends and colleagues of Coun Clifford.

At the beginning of 2011, the Royal British Legion asked individuals and groups to take part in the 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' to celebrate their 90th birthday.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford, decided to host a garden party at Dyffryn Gardens to celebrate the occasion. Guests enjoyed afternoon tea in the marquee to the music of 'Swingbridge' and the event raised £600 for the Royal British Legion.

Barry's £9 million regeneration cash

A GEM story (published on May 26) detailed plans to spend £300,000 on project managers and feasibility studies on schemes connected with Barry regeneration.

These schemes included £100,000 towards a replacement footbridge at Barry Island Station, work in the Innovation Quarter and others.

Unfortunately, the article assumed that this £300,000 would be taken from the £9 million grant given to Barry in 2010 by the Welsh Government after its decision to designate the town a 'regeneration area'.

The GEM has been asked to make clear that the £300,000 is, in fact, an allocation from the Vale Council's capital programme 2011/12, a sum approved by council in February 2011.

David Williams, the principal regeneration officer for the Vale Council, explained: "The allocation is primarily used for feasibility, design and project management work, which levers in capital funding from external funding streams for the implementation of schemes."

Roadworks

THERE are temporary traffic controls in operation at Thompson Street, Barry; and A4050 Port Road East, Barry.

Road closures

Cwrt y Gwilym Bridge; Terra Nova Way from the junction of Penarth Portway to the roundabout at Marconi Avenue; Stanwell Road, Hickman Road, Windsor Road, onto West House, Penarth.

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A FAIR DEAL HERE IN WALES SHOULD START WITH FAIR FUNDING

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

THIS week the First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, made a statement to the Assembly on the Welsh Government's position on the financial reforms that we are calling for from the UK Coalition Government.

Last year, the Assembly unanimously supported a motion backing the recommendations of the Holtham Commission, which undertook a very thorough review of Welsh funding arrangements.

The Commission provided clear evidence that we are underfunded by around £300 million per year and the current system needs reform.

A debate in the House of Lords last week, initiated by Lord Barnett himself, took up the call for reform, with Members from Wales asking the Government to change the formula to meet our needs, to address the unfairness that has resulted in this shortfall so clearly identified by Professor Gerry Holtham and his team.

The Welsh Government is open to a constructive dialogue with the UK Government, and the First Minister will shortly be meeting the Chancellor to discuss these matters and I will be meeting the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. The UK Government has made a commitment to come forward with proposals and we look forward to discussing these.

Our priorities are to make progress on fair funding and to gain borrowing powers to fund capital investment, as was made clear in the First Minister's statement and in a debate in the Chamber on Wednesday.

It is vital that we put our economic recovery at the forefront and we need borrowing powers to help support this, to support construction and an effective public services infrastructure.

This is imperative as we grapple with the Welsh budget for capital expenditure being cut by 41 per cent over the next four years.

A fair deal for Wales should have included the reversal of the proposal to close the Barry Magistrates Court. Last week, it was announced that the High Court had rejected the legal challenge from the Vale Council over the closure of the court, which was announced a few months after the general election by the Justice Secretary, Ken Clarke. despite recent investment in the modernisation of the court by the previous Government and a recent reprieve from closure by Harriet Harman MP. More than 1,000 people signed the petition against the closure and a convincing case was made by the Chair of the Bench, Dave Taylor JP, myself, the Vale Council, our MP and Atal y Fro, supporting victims of domestic abuse.

In response to the announcement last week that the challenge to the closure plans was rejected I said that this was a huge disappointment which the UK Government would regret.

The loss of local justice in Barry, the largest town in Wales, is devastating. The court serves the whole of the Vale and was acknowledged to be highly effective.

The quick fix, short-term savings that may be made from the disposal of the court will soon be lost and justice will not be done in the Vale, which will have profound and costly effects.

I have been encouraged, however, by the enthusiasm and commitment of our new Housing and Regeneration Minister, Huw Lewis AM, whom I met twice last week to discuss the needs of Barry prior to his first meeting of the Barry Regeneration Board on Friday.

I hope and trust that this will help us to secure 'a fair deal for Barry' as we seek to maximise all opportunities for investment in the economic, social and environmental regeneration of the largest town in Wales to benefit our families, communities and businesses.

Champagne tea at Dyffryn raises £16,500 for charity

DYFFRYN Gardens recently hosted the UK's largest Strawberry Tea, introduced by BBC's Jason Mohammed and organised by Breast Cancer Care Cymru.

Elaine Nicholas is pictured third from right.

Guests were treated to high tea and champagne, as well as an impromptu fashion show.

Five women and one gentleman, all of whom have received a breast cancer diagnosis took to the stage wowing the audience in clothes donated by Body Basics of Pontcanna and some stunning hats loaned by Vivien Sheriff.

One of the models, also a member of the events organising committee, Elaine Nicholas of Barry, explained: "We decided to hold this event to raise the profile of Breast Cancer Care Cymru and to raise some much needed funds in the process.

"Our ambition was to raise £10,000 and thanks to sponsorship secured from Geldards, Pepsico, Confex and Western Power Distribution, as well as table sales and on the day fundraising we managed to raise in excess of £16,500 which is fantastic in my mind, considering it was an afternoon tea."

The funds were boosted by Elaine's a £750 contribution from Elaine's employers Barclays through their £ for £ matched giving scheme as Elaine personally managed to raise £1,860 by organising a balloon raffle on the day.

Elaine added: "All of the models had modelled at the first ever Breast Cancer Care Cymru fashion show in 2010 at City Hall and I know that personally I found it an incredible moment. Throughout my diagnosis I tried to maintain a positive attitude and modelling was the icing on the cake for me. We will now begin planning for the next big event, the Breast Cancer Care Cymru Fashion show which takes place on March 7, 2012 – so make sure you all save the date."

Teachers' day of action set for next Thursday

THE major teaching union said it is expecting a strong response by teachers in south Wales to a day of action next Thursday, June 30.

Strike action is expected to take place across Wales and England, and Mr David Evans the National Union of Teachers Wales' secretary told The GEM that he believed that would include teachers in the Vale and Bridgend areas.

"I think there will be a very positive response. A high percentage of teachers were in favour in the ballot – 92 per cent across Wales and England.

"The feedback that we are having is that members are heeding the call and a high proportion of schools will close."

Mr Evans insisted: "This government is attacking teachers' pensions. The only proposals mean paying more, working longer and receiving less. The current scheme is affordable and we don't think that has changed."

He pointed out that as recently as 2006-7, teachers had made additional contributions.

The Vale Council said its schools which had members in the NUT or in the Association of Teachers and Lecturers could be affected.

A spokeswoman explained: "Those schools will advise parents if they are going to be open or not – the council will put this information on its website as and when details are confirmed.

"The council will also update its web pages on a regular basis on June 30 as new information comes in."

TALBOT GREEN PLAN WILL CREATE 'NEW TOWN CENTRE' – AND 1,900 JOBS

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

DEVELOPERS have announced a proposal for a £200 million investment to create a new "town centre" for Llantrisant, Talbot Green, and Pontyclun, with the potential to create 1,900 jobs.

Valad Developments Llantrisant Ltd, a joint venture between Valad and the Scarborough Development Group, are to submit an outline planning application to Rhondda Cynon Taf Council this summer, following consultation with the community and other stakeholders.

A spokesman for the developers said that the proposed town centre will be built on mainly brownfield land, including the sites of the former Purolite and Staedtler factories alongside the A473.

He continued: "The proposal includes plans for a department store, a major new supermarket and 40 shops suitable for 'high street' brands.

"A leisure and entertainment quarter will contain a multi-screen cinema, as well as cafes, restaurants, bars and hotels.

"In addition, there will be office space for local businesses, a range of civic and community facilities, residential apartments and town houses. There will also be improvements to the local highways network, and better connections for public transport, cycling and pedestrians."

Andy Richardson, Valad's head of UK Development, said: "This imaginative proposal will regenerate and transform a largely derelict site and bring many new jobs to the local area. t will provide the additional shopping that is needed locally, as well as new entertainment and leisure facilities.

"Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council wants to give this growing area a new heart and focus. Its Local Development Plan provides the framework for a new town centre development that will help to achieve these objectives."

He continued: "Currently, this area does not receive the economic benefit from local shoppers because they choose to shop further afield. The new town centre will address this issue by providing retail space for multiple stores, as well as for smaller specialist shops. This will help reduce the need for people to travel out of the area for regular shopping trips."

As part of the proposal, the Leekes store will relocate to a purpose-designed building on another part of the site. Emma Leeke, managing director of Leekes, said: "This ambitious redevelopment will include the construction of a brand new Leekes store very near to our existing site.

"This modern building will act as our flagship home store and will include new ranges and products. We will trade seamlessly throughout, with our new store being constructed and ready to open before we close at the existing site. We will literally lock the doors at our current site one evening and welcome our customers to our brand new store the very next morning."

Mark Jackson, managing director of the Scarborough Development Group, added that consultation will be an important step before any planning application is made to the local authority.

He added: "We will be holding a public exhibition over three days to present our proposals to the community. We hope that people will come along and find out more, and we will answer any questions that they may have."

The public exhibitions will be held on:

Tuesday, June 28, at Llantrisant Leisure Centre, between 12pm and 9pm; Wednesday June 29, at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, between 12pm and 9pm; and Thursday, June 30, again at Bethel Baptist Church between 12pm and 9pm.

An artist's impression of the new shopping centre.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Reminder of the sacrifices armed forces do make for our freedom

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

LAST week I was humbled to hear first-hand, members of the Royal British Legion recounting details of their time served with the armed forces.

It was one of the most moving experiences to hear how they fought in Japan and Malaya, lost comrades and also had to battle against malaria and other sicknesses.

The event was a Poppy party that I held in support of the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, and to mark the significance of Armed Forces Day this week.

I was keen to support the nationwide celebrations of The Legion, which continues to help support millions of beneficiaries – men and women who serve and have served their country at home and abroad, many at enormous personal cost to themselves and their families.

The event was kindly hosted by Barry Comprehensive School and pupils from year-7 welcomed Royal British Legion members of the Barry branch, Sgt Llewellyn from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh and local residents to the coffee morning.

The coffee morning also coincided with last week's vote in the Commons, where it was agreed to enshrine the Military Covenant in law for the first time.

This is the agreement between the community, government and Armed Forces to treat them fairly, to value and respect them as individuals, and to sustain and reward them and their families.

The new law has been passed to the Lords for approval and is something the Royal British Legion has been calling for, for some time.

The government signed in a Tri-Service Armed Forces Covenant for the first time, which sets out the relationship and obligations between the Armed Forces Community, the Government and the nation with the principles of the Covenant enshrined in law.

The commitment is a statement of obligation and enshrines in law a right for serving personnel to ensure adequate training, with the necessary equipment and that serving personnel benefit from housing rights, enhanced medical support, transport privileges, council tax discounts, amongst many other needs.

This Saturday is Armed Forces Day, which provides an opportunity to do two things:

Firstly, to raise public awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

Secondly, it gives us all an opportunity to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families and from veterans to cadets.

I will be holding a second Poppy Party, this time at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge at 10.30am on Friday June 24 – all are welcome to come along and support our Armed Forces community.

We need to champion their interests not only on Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day but all year round.

ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive pupils Jordan Karnicki, Adam Woolford and Thomas Butler-Sainsbury, hand a £200 cheque to Royal British Legion representatives at the Poppy party,

Advice surgeries

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, will be holding surgeries for advice and assistance on Friday, June 24, at the following locations: 1.30pm-3pm at the County Library, King Square, Barry; and 4pm-5.30pm at The Gathering Place, Flemingston Road, St Athan.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries are very busy, and it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Ascot day!

MINE host of the Star Inn, Treoes, Clive and Trish, surpassed themselves with the celebration of Ladies' Day racing at Ascot.

Those present had their own fashion show and many of the ladies' outfits and hats were outstanding.

They also had a 'flutter' and there was jubilation for those who picked a winner.

All profits from this event will go to the National Eisteddfod which will take place next year at Llandow.

The next fundraising event in aid of the Eisteddfod will take place on July 9 when Mr and Mrs Harding will host a strawberry tea at their home in Llangan.

Tickets have already been sold out!

Musical concert

ST CANNA'S Church, Llangan, was full to capacity for the concert which took place on Friday, June 17 by 'The Minnesingers', their repertoire including songs from the shows.

This was the third time they had come to St Canna's and, hopefully, there will be many more!

Llangan School summer fayre

THIS year's summer fayre will take place on Saturday, July 2.

Kilimanjaro triumph

THE magnificent achievement of Miss Julia Lloyd of Treoes on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania:

The journey began at Cardiff Airport, and after a long stop-over in Amsterdam, they finally arrived in Tanzania.

The team endured changing temperatures from heights of 35ºc at the start in Moshi Town, down to 15ºc at the summit.

For every two trekkers, there was a team of guides, cooks and porters in support.

The trek takes a total of five days including the descent on day five, covering different landscapes from rainforest, moorland, to lunar desert and arctic terrain.

Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding mountain in the world and due to the extreme conditions, only 45 per cent of all trekkers succeed in making it to the summit at 5,895 metres.

Julia told me the first three days were a pleasure, however, after that with the danger of altitude sickness and the 900 metre of gradient between 60–80 per cent climbing over shale and rock, it turned into a killer challenge.

The final push to the summit started at 11.30pm walking through the night, so as to arrive at the summit at dawn.

Progress was very slow but they could not stop too often at this height as the temperature was below zero.

Everyone learned the local phrase "*pula, pula,*" meaning "slowly, slowly".

The final phase to the summit and the return to camp took an agonising 14 hours.

Julia's expenses for the challenge was financed by her father.

All funds raised will go to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff.

Julia said: "A big thank you to the gentlemen who sent the £50 cheque, and to everyone for their support."

PACT MEETINGS

CASTLELAND PACT, 7pm, June 27, Philippa Freeth Court, Dock View Road, Barry
COURT PACT, 7pm, June 30, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry.
GIBBONSDOWN PACT, 6pm, July 5, Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise Barry.
WENVOE PACT, Community Hall, June 27, 7pm
ST.ATHAN PACT, The Gathering Place, July 3, 2pm
St. Nicholas & Bonvilston Community Council meeting will be held at Bonvilston Reading Room, July 4, 7.30pm.

Walking group

A new walking group has been formed to "meet socially, enjoy healthy outdoor exercise, and appreciate the beauty of the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains".

For more information on the group, contact Dave Owens on 01446 773308.

PUB GIVES CYCLISTS A BIG PUSH!

A VALE pub is putting on a charity night this Friday (June 24) to support a team of cyclists before their big day.

The Fontygary Inn in Rhoose is sponsoring a team of 10 cyclists who are taking part in a charity bike ride in Swansea on July 3 in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Landlord Kevin Eade told The GEM: "The team have been training hard for a 30-mile ride, which starts and finishes in Swansea, and the charity night is aiming to give them a morale boost and a financial one too!"

There is no admission charge for the evening, which features a local live band, and there will be an auction and raffle.

Kevin added: "The pub is supplying the van to take the bikes to Swansea, and we are hoping to raise as much money as possible."

Anyone interested in supporting the cyclists should contact Kevin on 01446 711221.

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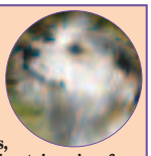

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Vale girls' flower dance will be a highlight of ceremony

BARRY'S big day in the spotlight is just two days away as this Saturday's proclamation ceremony will formally recognise the Vale as the host of next year's National Eisteddfod.

The proclamation in Barry this Saturday (June 25) is gearing up to be a memorable day for the whole family – and it announces to the rest of Wales that Llandow is the venue for 2012.

The procession through the town centre (2.15pm) and the proclamation ceremony at the Gorsedd Circle in Gladstone Gardens (3pm) will be the highlights of the day, but there will be a whole host of other attractions.

It will also be a special day for 34 young Vale girls ***(above)*** who will be centre stage at the main event.

The day will kick off at 10.30am where a special stage will be erected in King Square. The first performance of the day will be by Adran Heol y March, and throughout the morning there will be performances by local schools including : Y Bontfaen, Gwaun y Nant, Pen y Garth, Bryn Hafren and St, Curig.

Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Choral Society and the Pen y Fai folk dancers will also perform.

Meanwhile, at the Gladstone Gardens another stage will be erected with performances starting at 12.30pm . Entertaining the crowds here will be Ysgol St Baruc, Iolo Morgannwg, Bro Morgannwg and

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Gwenfo. Also on this stage will be Barry Ladies Choir, and dancers from Menter y Fro and the Vale School of Dance.

There will also be a variety of stalls, sport and circus skills workshops, face painting, storytelling and much much more.

The day's activities will end at 5pm.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "For some time now, the council has been working closely with the National Eisteddfod in preparation for next year's event at Llandow.

"The proclamation ceremony and festival is a chance to celebrate the event coming to the Vale, and is an opportunity for local people to show their support for the National Eisteddfod.

"We are looking forward to seeing the traditional proclamation taking place in the heart of Barry. The National Eisteddfod was last held in the Vale in 1968, in Barry itself, and we are delighted to be once again welcoming the event to the county."

Admission to the ceremony is free and all are welcome.

FLOWER DANCE

One highlight of the day is bound to be the Flower Dance, which is a colourful part of all the Gorsedd ceremonies.

Local girls were chosen to perform the dance, which is based on a pattern of flower gathering from the fields.

Girls aged 8 – 10 from all over the Vale were invited in February to an open audition, and 34 were successful.

They have been hard at work rehearsing in the last few weeks under the watchful eyes of dance tutors Anne Hughes and Rhian James.

During the proclamation the girls will be dressed in green tunics decorated with garlands and posies of wild flowers, and will perform their version of Flower Dance for the first time.

Fire authority re-elect Vale man as chairman

SOUTH Wales Fire and Rescue Authority has announced that Coun Anthony Ernest of Penarth, has been re-elected as chairman of the authority for the forthcoming year.

He was re-elected at the AGM and Coun Keith Hyde, of Cardiff, was re-elected as vice-chairman.

Coun Ernest said: "I'm incredibly proud to be re-elected to an authority that I have served on for seven years.

"It is a high-performing organisation that helps thousands of members of the public every day when exposed to the risks and the dangers that befall many of us during our lives."

Also re-elected were Coun R Greenland (Monmouth) as chairman of South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority finance, audit and performance management committee and Coun C Mann (Caerphilly) as vice chairman.

Coun R Mckerlich (Cardiff) was re-elected as chairman of the human resources and equalities committee and Coun John Daniels as vice chairman of human resources and equalities committee.

IN BRIEF

Bonsai talk

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will meet on Wednesday, June 29, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

There will be a talk on Bonsai by Ian Rees, with colleagues from the Bridgend and District Bonsai Club, who will bring examples and demonstrate how to train the plants.

Admission, refreshments and raffle are free. Non-members welcomed.

Strawberry tea

THE annual strawberry tea and fair will be held at Plas Llanmihangel, on Saturday, July 3, at 3pm. There will be tours of the house for a small fee; stalls, teas.

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Out and About with The GEM

What's On and where in your area?

Town council open day

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Bronwen Brooks, is inviting the public to visit the council offices at 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, to view memorabilia presented to past Mayors since the creation of the council in 1974.

They include paintings, civic regalia and gifts received from visiting dignitaries.

The open day will coincide with the proclamation of the 2012 Eisteddfod in Barry on Saturday, June 25, at 10am–3pm, culminating in a ceremony in Gladstone Park.

In 1920, the then Urban District Council was presented with the Eisteddfod Chair, and this will be on display in the council offices.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, June 25, from 10am to 12 noon at Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road.

No appointment is necessary, but should you require further information, please contact the office on 01446 740981.

Students' art work on show

THE work by final-year art students at Barry College is on show at the Art Central gallery in Barry.

Adrian Metcalfe, course tutor at Barry College, said: "A number of students have based work around recent educational visits and research.

"This has stimulated a range of experimental approaches often linked to the local area.

"There are also a number of original and creative personal approaches evident throughout, reflecting the challenging and exciting developments the students made throughout their courses."

Entrance to the free exhibition is through Barry County Library. It is open from 10am-4pm until Saturday (June 25).

Students from the college are available at the exhibition to talk about the work.

Who dunnit in Nantymoel!

BRIDGEND Castle Players present an evening of high drama and who-dunnits at the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on Saturday, June 25, during a four-course meal in the library and warn diners to expect the unexpected until the 'murderer' is revealed.

Full details on 01656 754915.

Barry Arts Show

BARRY Arts are holding their Summer Show *Boat Rocks* – a tribute to the pirate radio stations of 1960s Radio Caroline and Radio Atlanta.

Changing Scene senior girls will be supporting the show on June 27, 28, and 29 at The Barry Arts Centre, Winston Road, Barry. *Tickets available 01446/746282 or 02920/633217.*

Legion picnic

THERE will be a Picnic in the Park to support the Royal British Legion at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 2, 3pm.

Choirs, instrumentalists, marching bands. Standards on parade. Bring your own picnic and chair,

Tickets £3 (£2 for under-15) and bucket collection.Tickets on sale YMCA, John Street, Porthcawl, on Saturday, June 25.

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Welsh hymn singing sssembly

AT 3pm, on Sunday, July 3, Edwad Rhys Harry, musical director of the London Welsh Male Voice Choir, will be leading the singing at *Tabernacl Chapel, 18 Fenton Place, Porthcawl* .

For more information, contact Ifan on 01443 483 600, or idylan@glam.ac.uk

LOCAL GARDENS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The gardens at Wilcot, St Athan.

THE following are among gardens open to the public on June 25-26:

Hen Felin and Swallow Barns, Dyffryn – *Dyffryn hamlet is a hidden gem in the Vale. Wheelchair access is possible to most of the two gardens. As there is unprotected river access, children must be supervised in both gardens.*

Yr Hen Felin*: A beautiful cottage garden with stunning borders, breathtaking wildflower meadows, oak tree with surrounding bench, 200-year-old pig sty, wishing well, secret garden with steps to river, lovingly tended vegetable garden and chickens. Mill stream running through garden with adjacent wild flowers.*

Swallow Barns*: Cross the bridge over the river and pass under the weeping ash to enter Swallow Barns garden, a 15-year-old garden with packed herbaceous borders - formal and informal, orchard, hens, herb garden, lavender patio, willow arches leading to woodland walk and deep secluded pond.*

We welcome all visitors - old and new. Open June 26, 12noon-7pm, entry £5.

Twyn yr Hydd, Margam Country Park, Margam,

Spread out over an 11-acre site and containing gardens designed and constructed by horticulture students, it includes herb, prairie, woodland and a vegetable garden.

The grounds also contain a walled garden designed by arts and crafts designer Ralph Hancock. The gardens house the largest collection of hebes in Wales.

Plants grown by students are always available for sale. Garden featured in BBC's Gardeners World. Open June, 11am-3pm, entry £3.50.

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AN INVASION (for a peaceful gospel purpose!)

LOOK out for a peaceful invasion of people from several countries who will be visiting Barry, Cogan, Cosmeston, Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major, Peterston-super-Ely and other communities – to share Good News.

Ken Iveson, the pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Barry explained: "The 'invasion' will be climaxed by three events, and we hope visitors will be given a warm Welsh welcome.

Big Event 1 *is a free family fun-day in Victoria Park, Cadoxton. 12pm-4pm, on July 9.*

It will be another fun-day, even better that last year, when churches in and around Barry will put on family friendly events with all-age races, bouncy castles, face painting, stalls and a variety of entertainment, including the Titanic Twins, for the community. Be sure to get there early and enjoy all the fun of the fair!

Big Event 2 *is in the Memorial Hall, Barry, from 7pm-9pm, on July 9. It is an international event with guests from the States, plus the Bethesda Community Choir from Dinas Powys.*

An evening of presenting the gospel through music and drama in a way relevant for today. Tickets and details are available the box-office of the Memorial Hall.

Flyers and announcements in local churches, businesses and newspapers are highlighting dates and times for various other performances in the area.

Big Event 3 *is on July 10, from 10.30am-12pm. A combined open air service will take place in Victoria Park involving several local churches.*

Toddle for Barnardo's

THE pre-school children at Y Bont Faen Primary School will be supporting the Cowbridge Barnardo's helpers group this year with a sponsored 'toddle' on July 5.

The little ones will doing their sponsored walk in fancy dress, with an animal theme, to raise funds for the popular young person's charity.

Boot sale to raise Eisteddfod funds

A CAR boot sale in aid of the Vale of Glamorgan 2012 Eisteddfod appeal is to be held on Barry Comprehensive School car park, Port Road, Barry, on Saturday, July 2.

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It will feature a field gun display team as well as the usual marching band and Scout and Guide arena events.

Spokesman Gareth Johns said: "Due to circumstances beyond our control, The Tigers children's display team as advertised and listed in the programme will not be performing at the fete. As a replacement, James Dylan's Stuntworld Motorcycle display team will be showcasing their skills in the arena.

"Due to a larger arena size being required and for health and safety reasons, the available space for public parking will be reduced this year, so patrons should walk or use public transport wherever possible."

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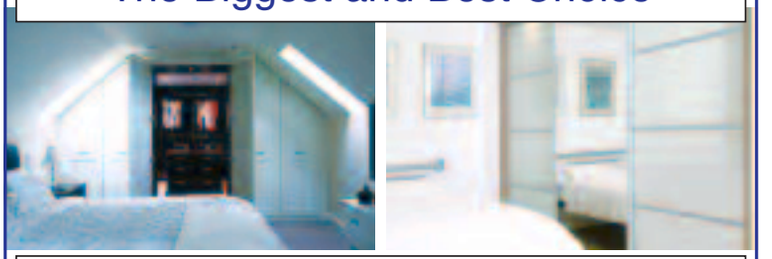

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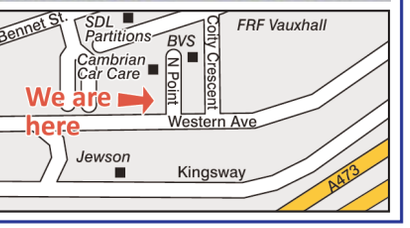

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Flags fly proudly as Vale launches local Armed Forces Week

ON Monday (June 20) the Vale Council held their Armed Forces Day (AFD) flag-raising ceremony in Barry, with the assistance of Royal Air Force personnel based at MoD St Athan and local veterans from the Royal British Legion.

The raising of the AFD flag marks the start of Armed Forces Week, which concludes with a national Armed Forces Day on Saturday June 25, 2011, to be held this year in Coopers Field, Cardiff.

The event began at 9.50am, when the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford addressed the assembled guests and onlookers.

On the flag poles the RAF ensign, Welsh and Union flags were already flying. The RAF St Athan Voluntary Band opened the proceedings with the RAF March Past, followed by the entrance of the RAF Flag Party, who marched onto the courtyard to take their places at the flagpoles.

Following Coun Clifford's address, the band played the British National Anthem while Sergeant Rob Pugh and Aircraftman Chris Price, from No 4 School of Technical Training, raised the Welsh and English Armed Forces Day flags.

Squadron Leader Adam Davies told the gathering:

"All at MoD St Athan and especially those of us in the RAF hold the links that we have with the local communities of the Vale of Glamorgan very dear.

"With the third National Armed Forces Day approaching on Saturday, we are reminded again of why we are so proud to wear this uniform and serve our country, and why we are so very grateful to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan for showing us all such fantastic support; it really is very appreciated".

The band then played the Welsh National Anthem, which drew the ceremony to a close.

As always, there was the opportunity for the older Servicemen to mingle and chat with their modern day counterparts before retiring to the Civic Building for refreshments.

CÔR EISTEDDFOD PENARTH CONCERT

THE final event of the National Eisteddfod proclamation weekend will be the Gymanfa Ganu on the Sunday evening by the newly-formed Eisteddfod choir.

The conductor will be Mrs Eleri Roberts and the organist Mr John Wyn Owen, both from the Cowbridge area.

Eleri and Mr Euros Rhys Evans, are co-conductors of the choir. The Gymanfa is being held at St Augustine Church in Penarth on Sunday (June 26) at 8pm and programmes will be available at the door.

The choir will re-start rehearsals for the Eisteddfod concert on the first Tuesday in September at 7pm in Tabernacle chapel in Barry. Everyone is welcome, especially tenors.

Digwyddiad olaf penwythnos y Cyhoeddi fydd y Gymanfa Ganu ar y nos Sul . Hwn fydd perfformiad cyntaf y cor sydd wedi ei sefydlu yn arbennig ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod.

Arweinydd y Gymanfa fydd Mrs Eleri Roberts a'r organydd fydd Mr John Wyn Owen, ill dau o ardal Y Bontfaen.

Eleri efo Mr Euros Rhys Evans yw arweinyddion Cor yr Eisteddfod. Cynhelir y Gymanfa yn Eglwys Awgwstin Sant ym Mhenarth ar nos Sul, Mehefin 26ain am 8.00 o'r gloch. Bydd rhaglenni ar gael wrth y drws.

Bydd y cor yn ail ddechrau ymarfer nos Fawrth am 7.00 o'r gloch yng Nghapel y Tabernacl Y Barri. Bydd croeso cynnes I bawb yn enwedig tenoriaid.

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BUTLINS' STAFF REUNION PARTY

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I am asking anyone who worked there to come and share your memories with us all, we are having a disco and karaoke from 8pm–2am, tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from the Dolphin Bar or email me at scottydotty46@hotmail.com.

Dot Boyle,

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Flashback to a wedding with a host of memorable characters!

THIS photograph of the wedding of Iris Madgwick and Probert Ewart James in 1934, was taken outside No 1 Maes y Bryn, Colwinston, and includes some notable local personalities.

Wedding of Iris Madgwick and Probert Ewart James outside No 1 Maes y Beyn Xolqinaron in 1934.

Iris was secretary to a solicitor in Bridgend; Ewart an accountant in a Port Talbot builders' merchants. He lived in Cwmavon,

In the back row (far left) was Lewis Davies, the son of master grocer Ben Davies. The shop was at the post office in Nolton Street, Bridgend. Ben Davies of 'Llanelly' died in 1903.

He delivered groceries to farms for 10 miles around Bridgend, using a pony and trap.

Second left at the back was David Jenkins of Treharris, whose father sank the colliery in Treharris 1878; the third on the left was Mr Richard Selby, managing director of Wenvoe Quarries, who built the pleasure park at Barry Island for Billy Butlin. Dick was the husband of Madame May Selby of the Handel School of Music, 106 Nolton Street.

Fourth left on the back row was Charles Madgwick, a French horn player with the Welsh Guards. He was trained at Kneller Hall – he gave a vigorous musical training to his daughters – Bella, May (Selby) and Iris (the bride).

In the second row (from the right with a button-hole) is Mr William Langton, who was an expert tanner in Brackla Street Tannery, Bridgend.

His father Edward Langton was an expert moulding artist, who decorated the ceiling in Cyfartha Castle, followed by the bishop's residence Golden Grove in Llandeilo. He was then asked to decorate Southerndown Castle (a fortified mansion).

May and Isabella used to entertain and sing, and accompanied the silent films in Brackla Cinema.

In front of Bill Langton (seated) is Mrs Watts of Brackla Street – one of the kindest ladies in Bridgend, her family graves are in Merthyr Mawr.

Next to Mrs Watts (in white) is Isabella Jenkins (nee Davies). She became an expert soprano singer.

In the middle line, third from the left in a white dress and hat, is Madame May Selby of the Handel School of Music. She taught for 68 years!

May was the wife of Dick Selby, who stands behind her left shoulder.

On the front row left is Elizabeth Madgwick/Davies/nee Langton, sister to William Langton.

Edward Langton, their father lived in Coity by the castle and for a bet he painted the heads of the apostles on the local pub wall. He was married in 1860 to Salica Owen in Coity Church.

Next to 'Granny Madgwick' is Desmond Jenkins, son of Isabella and David, who became the president of the English-speaking Union, Herts.

Dick Selby lived in Quarella Road, with Ruby Selby his sister. His final resting place is not yet known although an extensive search is still going on .

DESMOND JENKINS, Penarth

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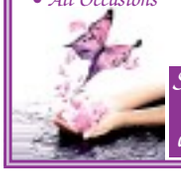

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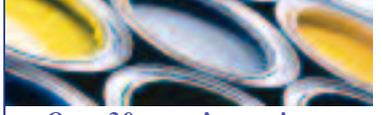

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INTERNATIONAL polo came to Fonmon Castle last week when Wales played South America in a charity match to raise funds for Ty Hafan last Saturday (June 18).

The hospitality tents were busy as the patrons enjoyed the occasion's unique ambience which mixed sport with a fine social day out!

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ABOVE: Summer Ghanavati, who will be representing Wales in the Miss Universe finals, was a guest.

Bronwen follows her great-gran in proud Eisteddfod tradition!

BRONWEN BROWN

THIS Saturday's proclamation ceremony for the 2012 National Eisteddfod, which is coming to Llandow in the Vale, will be special for one Cowbridge family.

A total of 34 girls from Vale primary schools have been rehearsing the traditional flower dance for months now, and they will perform in the ceremony in Barry on June 25. However, for one girl, nine-year-old Bronwen Brown, who is a pupil at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge, it will be a special family occasion.

Bronwen's mother, Maria, explained: "It was in 1939, when the Eisteddfod was held in Bridgend on Newbridge Fields, that Bronwen's great-grandmother, Annie May Brown, performed the same dance in the same ceremony."

So a mere 72 years later, another member of the Brown family will be following an ancient Eisteddfod tradition.

• ***Annie May Brown is pictured in the centre of the photograph above, seated wearing a robe and waited upon by two handmaidens.***

Vale ladies know how to iron out the wrinkles!

ABOVE: When you have the responsibility for ensuring the smooth running of the 2012 Eisteddfod proclamation ceremony, there are so many details that need attention.

At 2.15pm this Saturday (June 25) the 100 members of the Gorsedd will join a procession through Barry, before the ceremony at 3pm itself in Gladstone Gardens. So, when the white robes and head dresses were taken out of storage and delivered to Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, a call went out for volunteers to iron them ready for the big-day. Mair Hughes, a member of Pwyllgor Llety a Chroeso, the eisteddfod welcoming committee, told The GEM: "We asked for volunteers to help out, and a number of ladies from around the Vale came long to help.

"We had a very pleasant time and, as we didn't all know each other, we made a few friends, too!"

However, The GEM couldn't help noticing that, in these days of so-called equality, not a single man came forward to volunteer for a spot of ironing!

IT ISN'T EASY BEING GREEN...

This Lantern shines, but doesn't burn too brightly

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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IT isn't easy being green. Just looking at the way that the Incredible Hulk has been received both critically and commercially in his two cinematic outings shows that, but another comic book hero is attempting to make his mark this summer with *Green Lantern*.

Ryan Reynolds plays Hal Jordan, a fighter pilot whose encounter with an alien named Abin Sur (Temuera Morrison) grants him a ring that makes him a member of the Green Lanterns, an interstellar group who police the universe.

However, Jordan and the Lanterns will be tested by both Hector Hammond (Peter Sarsgaard) and the alien Parallax, who intend on wreaking havoc that will affect not just our world but the entire galaxy...

Superhero films tend to rely on reality to be successful. The best of the genre (*The Dark Knight, X-Men 2, Spiderman 2*) may take the odd flight of fancy here and there, but their grounding in familiar concerns mark them out, while those that are less realistic often flounder (Batman and Robin, anyone?)

Given that the crux of *Green Lantern* requires suspension of disbelief, coupled with a character not known for having entered mainstream consciousness, it could easily have been a gigantic failure; however, despite the scathing reviews elsewhere, it makes for an enjoyable if slightly rushed film, whose main flaw comes from the poor screenplay.

The choices of both director and cast bear fruit.

Ryan Reynolds exudes both charm and cockiness that makes him an entertaining actor, and he parlays this into the character of Jordan, who finds himself discovering that the universe is protected by a huge number of species from across the galaxy.

Reynolds plays both the fish out of water and the hero well and his performance strikes the right notes, even if the turn relies on Reynolds' stock ability rather than pushing him.

Opposite him, Blake Lively makes for a pleasing foil as his flying partner and love interest, even if she isn't given much of a character by the script, a situation that Peter Sarsgaard also finds himself in as Hammond, a villain seemingly in search of a valid motive.

While director Martin Campbell may have successfully rebooted the James Bond franchise twice, as well as returning Zorro to the big screen, he is on less steady ground here.

Certainly, he achieves the aim of shooting the film with a comic book colour scheme that complements the source material, but very rarely are there moments of real excitement.

Instead the action set pieces either rely on some poorly rendered computer effects or sail a little too close to already familiar ones – a helicopter crash reminiscent of the Green Goblin's attack in Spiderman a case in point.

But the main letdown here is a script that bears the names of four people but feels like it was written by 40. It is the rushed feel that impacts the most, leaving Lively and Sarsgaard searching for something to hang their performances on, while it tries to cover so much that even at 105 minutes it feels like it glosses over certain elements.

It also fails to sketch compelling bad guys – after all, heroes are only as good as their villains – with the CGI Parallax reminiscent of the similarly poorly executed Galactus from the *Fantastic Four* sequel, and as such renders what could have been an extraordinary superhero a lot more ordinary.

It's a shame that there wasn't more attention paid to the screenplay, as the other ingredients all work well if not superbly; however *Green Lantern* still makes for an enjoyable viewing experience, if not one that will live long in the memory.

VERDICT: An entertaining superhero film that is let down by a weak screenplay and the spectacle that should be compulsory, *Green Lantern* hits the right notes but not loudly enough. Decent turns from the cast liven proceedings and make the film a pleasing experience – but that's all. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Dark Knight, Superman, Fantastic Four.*

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by PHILIP IRWIN

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It is, after all, just a short walk through the Brackla Street Centre, with its own mix of fashion, food and furniture stores

The town end of Nolton Street does feel as if it is part of the town, with a bank, several opticians, a gift shop, coffee shop, and some smart boutiques.

However, upper Nolton Street also boasts an impressive array of enterprises, including an art gallery, a pharmacy, a dental practice, several hairdressers, a recruitment specialist, a beauty salon, a shop specialising in prom dresses, a beauty salon, ,an antiques store, a delicatessen, and an accupuncturist.

The street also has a number of social enterprises, including the Bridgend Foodbank, Mental Health Matters, and the Solid Rock youth cafe.

Just a little further on, in Ewenny Road and Five Bells Road, there are businesses dealing with interior decor, upvc windows, cycles, print cartridges, and everything you could need if you want to make things involving beads!

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Ewenny/Ewenny Road/Five Bells Road/Nolton Street profile

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

LOCAL TRADERS MEET SNOOKER LEGEND STEVE!

One company well established in the area is MPN Windows, Doors and Conservatories, which was set up in 1994 by husband and wife team, Paul and Melanie Webster. They are pictured above, after winning a Network Veka award as the best company for 2010, with snooker legend Steve Davies and Paul Glastonbury of Network Veka.

Meet the retailers who keep Bridgend buzzing!

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Ewenny Road does, of course, stretch out all the way to Ewenny itself, where there are a number of thriving businesses, including a pine furniture shop, an expanding garden centre, hair salon, nursery and dress shop, as well as the two potteries for which the village is so well known.

There is more business activity just around the corner on the road to Ogmore, where a country craft and antique centre is now established.

Returning to the Nolton Street area, another change is planned, because Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) received permission from the Welsh Government some time ago to introduce a one-way system along Nolton Street.

This will mean that the only entrance into Nolton Street will be at the Cowbridge Road junction. The one-way system, when implemented, will make it easier for parking spaces to be created, and it will also make it easier for delivery vans to unload.

At the Brackla Street end of Nolton Street, traffic will no longer sweep right towards Tremains Road.

Instead, all traffic will head left down the Rhiw, and exit the town centre across Water Street Bridge. The junction will be improved to make this left sweep easier.

When the plan was announced, traders were pleased that it would make access to Nolton Street easier, and there was general agreement that it could only be good for trade.

When it comes to retailing, Bridgend has always been more than just a town centre and some superstores, and approaching the town from Ewenny only goes to emphasise this!

ABOVE: Nigel and Deborah Driver, with Rebecca Hooper (centre) of Deli-licious

Julie Hughes of Interiors.

ABOVE: Chris and Caroline Heyns of Wild About Beads.

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As you can see from Paul Jones' other pictures, it was an opportunity for local organisations and businesses to put their best marketing foot forward and show what they have to offer.

Local people got into the spirit of the Victorian age, with some very convincing characters who could have stepped out of the pages of a Charles Dickens' novel.

PHOTOGRAPHS by PAUL JONES
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Eagleswell pupils enjoy their day of sporting endeavour!

ALL the traditional elements were present at Eagleswell Primary School's sports day, which went ahead on a sunny day.

The sprints were keenly contested as pupils vied to see who really was the fastest, but there were plenty of fun events as well.

That old favourite, the sack race was a highlight, and there was a hockey skills race, relays, and much more!

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

1 New Forest View, Cowbridge

This substantial, individually-designed family home is conveniently situated within walking distance of Cowbridge town centre. In foreground, one of the two spacious double garages.

THIS individually designed, double-fronted, detached four-bedroom, modern family residence is conveniently situated within five minutes' walking distance of Cowbridge town centre.

It is also minutes away from the highly-regarded and newly re-built Cowbridge Comprehensive School on the edge of this lovely Vale market town.

The particularly attractive property is set back from the road and includes gas heating with panel radiators, and also benefits from double-glazed windows throughout.

The sizeable accommodation includes a large 19ft lounge with box bay window, a separate dining room, a study, a downstairs cloakroom, utility room, large fitted 15 x 14ft kitchen and breakfast room; while on the first floor there are four bedrooms, plus a family bathroom.

Unusually, the property has two separate double-garages, one of which is integral to the property and the other is detached.

Planning permission exists for additional first floor accommodation above the detached garage, to adjoin the main house.

Further potential to develop and extend this unique property exists.

The property is approached from a wide block-paved private entrance drive with space for the parking of four cars, and sits in large gardens of about 0.375acres, with mature trees and shrubs, unusual to find so near to town.

1 New Forest View, Cowbridge offers a unique opportunity to acquire an ideal family home in a much sought-after rural Vale setting, and is well worth a viewing by prospective purchasers.

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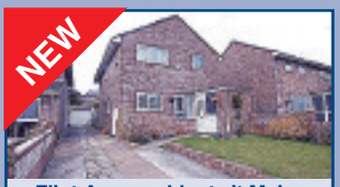

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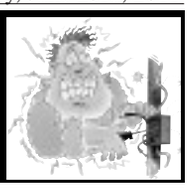

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Bowlers are involved in tight contest

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Despite losing heavily on one rink, the Island club came home with 11 points and a 79-72 score, to maintain their unbeaten sequence.

Dean Rees' rink again produced excellent form to boost the overall match result with an impressive 30-12 win, while Glyn Thomas came in with a 22 - 15 scorecard.

Captain Robert Horgan was engaged in a close encounter throughout and earned a point in a 15-15 draw.

There was an unexpected 12-30 defeat for Chris Blake's rink against a Cardiff Athletic four that included Welsh Bowling Association President, Malcolm Gilmore.

Scores: J Beanland, DK Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 30-12; G Gane, L Stanley, R Cowling, G Thomas 22 - 15; S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 15-15; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 12 - 30.

Paul Clarke's A team recorded their fifth sucessive PG2 win of the season, beating Barry Plastics at Sully, where they overcame a tricky, bumpy green to collect another 12 points.

The difficult surface and strong wind off the Bristol Channel did not favour the drawing bowlers, while the home team's failure to name a full 16-man squad did not help matters.

BP had to field two triples, which meant they lost 25 per cent of the score on two rinks.

Nevertheless, the Athletic won on three rinks, with Billy Wright back to winning ways with a 30–11.75 win in a rink that included Eric Booker, Roger James and Paul Webley.

Gareth Humphreys' rink (Alan Thomas, Albert Mintern and Dave Newman) were in good form with a 25-19 score, while Ivor Stevenson was also successful – his lineup defeating another home trio.

Skip Colin Spillane, top rink in recent weeks with a series of fine all-round performances, failed to adjust to the extremely testing green and slipped to a rare defeat.

Scores: E Booker, R James, P Webley, B Wright 30-11.75; C Phillips, D Coombs, B Summerell, I Stevenson 21-15 3/4; D Evans, P Clarke, G Jones, C Spillane 13-28; A Thomas, A Mintern, D Newman, G Humphreys 25-19.

The Athletic's third Centenary fixture of the season – against a strong Welsh Bowling Association president's team – was another success, the top rink going to a home four.

On a superb green at Barry Island, Geoff Whittaker skipped his rink to an impressive win in a lineup featuring Alan Thomas, Don Evans and DK Williams.

The attractive fixture was sponsored by Gareth Humphreys, who also captained the Athletic team.

Gareth recalled that he and the visiting WBA president, Malcolm Gilmore (Cardiff Athletic), made their Welsh International debut in the same match back in 1963 – and both are still bowling well!

The Munro Cup team continued their good run with a 10-shot win —and 12 points – at Millwood on Wednesday night.

It was the Athletic midweek squad's fourth win, with skip Geoff Whittaker taking top honours (22-13).

Eric Booker and Derek Coombs played their part up front, while the enthusiastic Chris Wright was a reliable third to Geoff.

Brian Whitlock's rink (Roger James, Alf Pidduck and Bill Summerell) came in with a 22–17 win that included three fours, while Dave Snelling's lineup kept their nerve late in the game to win by one shot.

Scores: E Booker, D Coombs, C Wright, G Whittaker 22-13; R James, A Pidduck, B Summerell, B Whitlock 22-17; C Phillips, R Gillham, L Stanley, D Snelling 14 - 13 A Thomas, J Morton, G Jones, B Wright 12-17.

WHAT'S ON

Summer party

FOLLOWING on the recent royal wedding celebration at Market Street, Barry, which raised £200 for Marie Curie, the next event is a 'tropical summer party' at Market Street Sports and Social Club on Sunday, July 24, from 2pm-5pm.

All proceeds are again being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

See facebook under Barrybados Totally Tripical Summer Party.

Church open day

ST PETER'S Church, Old Cogan, is holding its annual open day on Saturday, July 9, at 2pm-5pm.

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Poor start costs team dear at Ystradfechan

MIXED FORTUNES FOR DINAS POWIS BOWLERS

ON Saturday, June 11, Dinas Powis PG1 side travelled to Ystradfechan hoping to continue their excellent start to the season.

On a difficult green they started badly, and were 17 shots down at 5 and 10 ends.

A comeback looked possible at 18 ends, by which Dinas trailed by only 7 shots, unfortunately that was as close as they came and they ended the game 10 shots adrift (66–76), losing on all rinks and regretting their poor start to the game.

Scores: D Vowles, A Wedlake, C Todd, G Williams 16–19; G White, M Clarke, M Woodcock, A Meddins 17–20; A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 20–22; M Diment, H Meddins, R Janes, M Ackland 13–15.

Playing the Ystradfechan PG2 side at home, Dinas PG2 side were in good form coming away with an 11 points to 3 win.

In the lead from the start Dinas went into a 9 shot lead after 10 ends with 3 rinks up.

By end 18 the lead was 14 shots, a lead they maintained until the end (89–75).

A good win securing an 11 points to 3 victory.

Scores: D James, P Marks, J Porter, N Giles 21–17; D Parker, G Welch, D Ireland, M Edwards 21–21; C Reynolds, B Griffiths, A Woodcock, P Critcher 27–16; L Peters, G Parr, C Scott, A Jones 20–21.

The roles were reversed last Saturday with home and away fixtures against the much fancied Penylan squads.

As expected, the PG1 side had a very close game.

The early stages saw Penylan edge into the lead.

At 10 ends Penylan led by 6 shots.

Maintaining their form Dinas came back to lead by 6 after 18 ends.

Penylan fought back to end the game 4 shots adrift, giving Dinas Powis a well deserved 74–70 victory by 10 points to 4.

Scores: A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 21–16; G Parr, H Meddins, R Janes, M Ackland 17–20; D Parker, A Wedlake, C Todd, G Williams 24–15; D Vowles, M Edwards, M Woodcock, A Meddins 12–19.

In the away fixture, Dinas PG2 side had a difficult afternoon, losing on 3 rinks and by 25 shots (53–78) overall, gaining just 2 points to 12 against.

Scores: N Giles 20–4; A Jones 8–23; R Osbourne 16– 21; P Critcher 9–30.

This Saturday, Dinas look forward to resuming their WBA Carruthers Shield campaign with a home fixture against Kidwelly.

AMD

Barry Beavers in celebration mood

THE Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club had cause to celebrate after winning eight gold cups at Gwent Dolphins Gala in Cwmbran.

It won the mixed relay (four medals), ladies 100 metres, girls 100 metres, boys 25 metres and girls 50 metres, competing with six other disabled swimming clubs.

The club was also successful at several recent league swims, and will compete in Swansea next Saturday, before taking part in a gala on July 2 at Bedwas Penguins.

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Lady bowlers grab tight win

ON Tuesday Llantwit Major Ladies bowlers welcomed Pencoed BC for a Cowbridge Challenge Shield Match, winning on one rink but took the overall score of 52 - 50 to gain 6 points from 10.

The rinks were Kay Johnes, Val Baelz, Margaret Morgan and May Davies 15-17. Edna Hardie, Julie Molloy, Marian Lewis and Pat Cook 16-18. Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Etta Gray and Carol Willmot 21-15.

On Thursday Llantwit players travelled to Barry Millwood BC for a league match.

Again they only won on one rink and the overall score of 38-50 meant they gained 2 points from 10.

The rinks were Kay Johnes, Ann Mutlow, Pat Cook and Marian Lewis 10-22; Edna Hardie, Margaret Horgan, Peggy Pike and Margaret Morgan 13-14; Liz Crouch, Carol Willmot, May Davies and Etta Gray 21-15.

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BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS ROUND-UP

Six in a row as first team wins yet again!

BARRY Athletic recorded a splendid Private Greens double last Saturday – with fine wins for the first and second teams.

The first squad proved too strong for hosts Penhill and collected a maximum 14 points with a 107–59 score.

It was their sixth straight win and once again they produced an impressive all-round performance that featured big rink wins.

Scores v Penhill: G Gane, L Stanley, R Cowling, G Thomas 26–20; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 29–12; J Beanland, D K Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 24–13; S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 28–14.

The A team maintained their winning ways with a 93 shots to 67 success against Penarth Windsor at Barry Island.

Two vastly-experienced skips, Gareth Humphreys and Colin Spillane, ensured victory with runaway scores.

Top honours again went to Colin's rink – Don Evans, Paul Clarke and Gary Jones – with an outstanding 35–5 scorecard.

Gareth's lineup of Alan Thomas, John Ball and Dave Newman, were 28–12 winners, but skips Billy Wright and Ivor Stevenson were second best on this occasion. Nevertheless, another 10 points in a top of the table performance, with the A team still unbeaten.

Scores v Penarth Windsor: A Thomas, J Ball, D Newman, G Humphreys 28–12; E Booker, B Summerell, M Vaughan, B Wright 14–27; D Evans, P Clarke, G Jones, C Spillane 35–5; C Phillips, B Turner, A Mintern, I Stevenson 16–23.

The midweek Munro Cup side registered their third win of the season at Barry Island last Wednesday night, beating Barry Central by seven shots in what was a close contest throughout.

Consistent Skip Brian Whitlock was top rink (16–9) and Chris Wright had a one shot win.

Scores v Barry Central: C Phillips, J Morton, B Turner, B Whitlock 16–9; A Thomas, R James, G Jones, D Newman 17–20; C Rossiter, J Coll, B Summerell, B Wright 12–12; R Gillham, D Coombs, E Booker, C Wright 14–13.

Two Barry Athletic bowlers, Robert Horgan and Chris Blake, are named in the Wales squad for the British Isles Championships in Scotland next month.

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The money will be spent on floor mats, punch bags, shields and a much-needed board-breaking stand.

Coach Gary Luce said: "We also held our first fundraising event at the end of May, which was a great success.

"Thanks to Sue for all her help and Laura who supplied an amazing buffet, and a big thank you to all the parents who made it a brilliant night enjoyed by all.

"We would also like to congratulate the students who took part in the Celtic Cup at Penarth Leisure centre on June 11.

"There were clubs from all over the UK and Poland, but we came away with four trophies.

"Congratulations to Emma Heaslip, Joshua Heaslip, Bethan Ashford (bronze patterns), Seren Dupree (bronze patterns), bronze sparring, and bronze special technique."

For more information contact Gary Luce on 07731090305.

ISLAND MARINE FC RAISE £440 FOR CHARITY

ISLAND Marine Football Club recently held their charity fun day at Maslin Park.

The under-7s played an exhibition match, the under-8s had a penalty shootout, and the under-9s played a match against their mums.

The club raised £220 for Ysgol Maes Dyfan and £220 for Tobias Lunnon. Club secretary Richard Belby thanked all the coaches and members of the Parents Association for their hard work and support over the past season.

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THE latest Honda Civic, which has a 1.8 engine, recently managed to achieve near diesel-like economy from a petrol engine car.

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The run was carried out in atrocious driving conditions with temperatures below zero.

Honda claims the i-VTEC engine used in the Civic will return 42.2mpg on average, which in this day and age is about the norm for 1.8-litre hatchbacks.

A Honda spokesman said: "While a 2.2-litre diesel Civic in similar trim is rated at 53.3mpg, you have to factor in the difference in fuel costs of around 20p per gallon, and the initial outlay of £19,395 for the car – some £1,500 more than the petrol version.

"Unless you are going to keep the car for a long time or clock up serious mileage, a petrol version has the edge when it comes to running costs of about 2p per mile".

The route was from Shropshire to Worcester – via Abergavenny – and is a tried and tested economy run, crossing the Brecon Beacons, heading south and then a long uphill haul for the return journey.

It has been used in MPG Marathons and is an acknowledged test of both car and driver.

The spokesman added: "Although we had the air conditioning off, the heater was high because of the wintry weather – and conditions meant we were driving on headlamps which is another energy drain.

"The key to getting the best mpg out of any car is a smooth driving style and changing gear at the right moment, something which is easy on the Civic – thanks to a gear shift indicator flanking the digital speedo on the Civic's high tech dashboard advising when to change up or down.

"There is also an Eco gauge – six green dots which illuminate according to how efficiently the car is being driven.

"For much of our journey, we managed to keep four dots glowing and while cruising on a light throttle, all six would be showing.

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From a performance point of view the Civic Si is no slouch with a 0 to 60 time of under nine seconds and a claimed top speed of 127mph.

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ABOVE: Tony and most of boys after the Tesco Cup Final in Bridgend.

THE PANTHERS SAY FAREWELL TO SEASON - and also to the Grigorious!

PORTHKERRY Panthers under-13s would like to say a big thank you to Tony Grigoriou, team manager, and club captain Anton Grigoriou as they bid farewell to Barry for sunny California.

Tony has been involved with Porthkerry Panthers for more than 10 years and Anton has been club captain and a key player for several seasons; the highlight was seeing him lift the cup final trophy last season.

The boys wish the Grigoriou's the very best for the future.

This year was a case of so near yet so far, losing narrowly 2-1 in the south Wales final of the prestigious Tesco Cup to a strong Rhiwbina side.

Also they just missed out (twice) to the undefeated Llantwit side, 1-0 in the cup final and by 1 point in the league!

Rob Jones will manage the team this season, ably supported by the parents and with high quality coaching and training sessions by ex-professional Mike Fowler.

Formal training starts on July 2 on the Buttrills at 10.30am and new players are welcome.

Call Rob on 07505125772 for more information.

TS

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale:

Tuesday, June 14; 1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones - 56.77%; 2nd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews - 55.21%; 3rd Judith Owen & Helen Jordan 54.69%.

Judith & Helen won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, for more information ring 01446 733425.

Mike Bond

Cowbridge first team win in the battle of low scores

LLANELLI first XI were welcomed to Cowbridge's Athletic Field on Saturday in this Second Division clash.

The umpires deemed that the bowler's run-up at the Leisure Centre end was too soggy, but along came the chairman with his dry blanket and fork, and thanks to him and a drying wind the game began 45 minutes later.

Mike Lloyd, captain for the day, carried on Tom Merilaht's tradition of losing the toss, so the home side were put in to bat.

The game was reduced to 43 overs, just like the previous weekend.

Cowbridge First XI scored 137 runs, with the top order making starts but not one of them could carry on and make a significant score.

Sam Wood (18), Mike Lloyd (19), Adam Wood (26) and Ryan Taylor (28) were the main scorers, while the others perished chasing runs in the closing overs as they pushed for a higher score.

Perhaps a commendable performance in the circumstances, but surely this was not enough to trouble the visitors.

The Cowbridge bowlers would have to put up a superb performance if they were to restrict the opposition.

To win they would have to bowl out Llanelli, and that's precisely what they did.

Ali Bilal led the attack superbly, bowling straight and true, he posed problems for the batsmen from the start.

At the end of his superb spell his figures were 5-25 in 15 overs, certainly his best performance of the season so far as he captured five of the top six batsmen.

With Ryan Taylor (2-31) and Will Haines (3-29) they demolished the opposition for 105, winning by 32 runs.

Victories on successive weekends must give them enormous confidence, as table-topping Llangennech are the visitors this week.

The first XI is at home again this Saturday and welcomes your support; the second XI travel west.

DL

Cowbridge second XI slips up for the first time this season

WITH Cowbridge second XI top of the table, they were keen to maintain this position with a further victory against Llanelli.

There were good contributions from both Jason Sami and Zac Summer-Hayes, who applied themselves superbly to push the Cowbridge total over 120 to secure a vital further batting point, finally finishing on 130 off their 50 overs.

Cowbridge knew that they would have to bowl and field well to restrict Llanelli.

In the end, despite fine bowling from Harri Collier, John Gilbert, Ian Evans, and Tim Cox, Llanelli reached the target off 41 overs for the loss of five wickets.

JW

Ty Hafan children try on star's gold medal!

RIGHT: 13-year-old Victoria Godwin with paralympian David Roberts.

ELEVEN times Paralympic swimming gold medallist David Roberts paid a visit to Ty Hafan recently and the youngsters were able to try on his gold medal!

The swimmer is currently recovering from post injury surgery, but is anxious to get back into full training working towards London 2012, where he hopes to beat the gold medal record of another Welsh star, Tanni Gray-Thompson.

"After attending the Ty Hafan sporting lunch in Cardiff, I became very aware of the incredible work that the charity carries out with life-limited children and their families from across Wales," commented David.

"It was a real privilege to be able to meet some of the children and staff at Sully and, if only for a short time, be part of something so special. It was a very humbling experience," David added.

Local sailors selected for Great Britain teams

Will Creaven (right) with the European Championship Team

A GROUP of young sailors who have trained together in Cardiff Bay for five years have been rewarded for their efforts with places in Great Britain's top junior sailing teams.

Matt Whitfield (14) from Stanwell School, won the Optimist Class selection trials in Pwllheli and will be off to the world championships in New Zealand at Christmas.

Will Creaven (14) also at Stanwell, won a place in the European team and will be competing in Portugal in July.

In the Laser 4.7 Selection Trials, David Pain (15), again Stanwell, clinched a world championship place.

His event is in San Francisco in July and along with team mate Gareth Viney (14) of Cowbridge School, won selection for the 4.7 European team travelling to Workum in the Netherlands in July.

Their successes continued after the national trials with Matt winning the Optimist Inland championships and Will coming fourth.

Matt and Gareth then teamed up for the RS Feva National Championships and sailed impressively to take the silver medal, narrowly missing out on the gold to the reigning world champions.

Matt then continued his run by winning the RS Feva Inland championships last weekend, this time narrowly beating the world champion team.

Last, but by no means least, David competed in the RYA youth (under-19) national championships in Hayling Island and gained ninth place overall (seventh GBR) making him the top Welsh sailor as well as top GBR junior boy in the Laser Radial class at the championships.

David Pain sailing his Laser
PICTURE: DAVID NEWTON

The Welsh Yachting Association is delighted to have such a close knit group graduating so successfully from their squad system onto the wider stage, and wish them every success in their forthcoming major events.

AW

Alfie opts for another year at Crusaders

BRIDGEND'S Gareth Thomas has decided to prolong his rugby league career by signing a new one-year contract with Crusaders.

The new deal means Thomas, 36, will remain with Wales' only Super League club until the end of the 2012 season.

A Crusaders spokesman said: "He has been a key part of head coach Iestyn Harris' plans this season. Thomas has made 13 appearances for the club this season, scoring 4 tries and blossoming since moving to centre."

Gareth said: "I am really excited to be signing for another year at the Crusaders.

"This is only my second season as a rugby league player, and it is only now that I am beginning to really learn and enjoy the game for what it is, and I feel to stop that process now would be a real shame.

"To stay on with the Crusaders, who are a Welsh rugby team with big ambitions, is something I am proud of and I am really pleased to be a part of those ambitions and to do my part to help the club and its profile grow."

Crusaders head coach Iestyn Harris believes Thomas has proved a lot of the sceptics wrong since joining he Crusaders: "A lot of eyebrows were raised when we signed Gareth but we knew we were getting an outstanding player.

"He is a superb athlete who has worked incredibly hard since coming here and he looks like he's been playing rugby league all his life.

"His experience has been invaluable to the squad and everyone at the club has been impressed with his attitude and work ethic. Gareth has the enthusiasm and energy of a 20-year-old and I hope that continues to rub off on the rest of the squad."

ECB unveils Dragons' latest t20 signing!

"This bat is far too big for me!"

ALVIRO PETERSEN had better watch his back after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) unveiled Glamorgan Dragons' latest stars.

To promote The Dragons' involvement in the year's competition, the governing body has created a unique marketing concept called 'cricketvertising' which sees branding transferred directly on to live crickets of the insect variety.

The ECB commissioned miniature artist Aidan Campbell to hand-paint the crickets using water-based transfers and the insects are now set to become the game's latest stars after receiving their own personal photoshoot which will be used to promote The Dragons' fixture list.

Following their 15 minutes of fame, the Friends Life t20 crickets have now been re-released back into the wild close to the SWALEC Stadium.

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Students win Masters trophies

Pictured are: Morganne Gomez Jones, Jamie Halford, Liam Rees, Chelsea Rees, Matthew Bennett, Charlotte Sullivan, Lucy Newman, Bradley Halford, Thomas Haysham, Cameron Williams, Cody Jacobsen, Dafydd Jones, Ollie Tipples and Cian Allen.

RECENTLY, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the third tournament of a series of six Welsh master tournaments.

Once again, the students representing the Cadoxton School did their instructors and parents proud, with the club bringing home a collection of 25 trophies.

Successful in their respective categories were: Lucy Newman, third in point sparring and third in the pattern section; Matthew Bennett, first in continuous and second in point sparring; Cain Allen, second in continuous and third in point sparring; Bradley Halford, first in continuous and second in point sparring; Thomas Haysham, first in continuous, first in point sparring and second in the pattern section; Liam Rees, third in continuous sparring; Cameron Williams, first in continuous and first in point sparring; Dafydd Jones, second in point and third in continuous sparring; Tracey Goodwin, first in continuous sparring and first in the adult patterns; Chelsea Rees, third in continuous sparring; Jamie Halford, first in continuous and second in the men's point sparring, also second in the youth point sparring.

The unluckiest competitor on the day was young Ollie Tipples, who, due to some dubious judging, came away with third place in the continuous sparring. However, he made sure of his first place in the point sparring section.

Competing only for the second time, five-year-old Cody Jacobsen came away with a well-deserved second place in the continuous sparring.

Morganne Gomez Jones and Charlotte Sullivan just missed out on a podium place this time.

The club are now in serious training for the World Games, which are being held in Cardiff during August of this year and are actively seeking sponsors for this event.

For further information and training times phone Barry 01446 406372. **RT**

Vale Reds go west for football festival

THE Vale Reds disability football team recently travelled to Aberystwyth to play in the mid-Wales football festival.

After a two-and-a-half hour drive in the rain, they went head-to-head with teams from all over Wales.

A spokesman said: "They played four hours of games in the wind and rain. The over-16 championship side made it through to the semi-final of their group, but lost out to Mochdre Lions FC from North Wales.

"The over-16 premier side had a mixed day and just missed out on a semi-final place. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time and came away happy but very wet.

"The club and coaches would like to thank all the players for their hard work at the festival. We would also like to thank CJ Transport for the hire of the mini bus, and Keith who drove the bus there and back." **NL**

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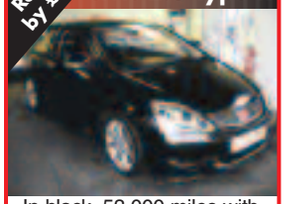

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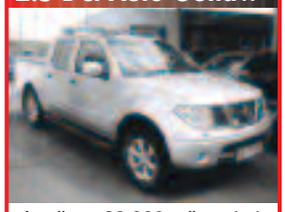

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Local syndicate celebrate their new addition

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MEMBERS of the Treoes Racing Club Syndicate have had plenty to smile about in the past.

They now believe they will have plenty to smile about in the future, as their new syndicate horse is a six-year-old mare called *Present Your Case*.

Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan says: "*Present Your Case* is exactly the type of horse I like to buy, a very consistent type by a great sire, with an attractive handicap mark. She looks a sure winner over hurdles this summer and could well have the scope to jump fences in due course."'

She has already been placed in novice hurdles and National Hunt flat races and Tim says she will be ready to run in four to six weeks time.

Jonathan Phillips, spokesman for the syndicate, said: "This is the seventh syndicate horse we have had since our first horse three years ago and four of them have been winners including *Totoman, Etoile D'Or* and *Louis Ludwig*, who incidentally was third at Worcester recently. We also have *Billybo* a winner at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point in March."

Meanwhile, Welsh trainers John Flint, Rebecca Curtis, Debbie Hamer and Bernard Llewellyn all saddled winners at Ffos Las last Thursday.

Flint, from Kenfig Hill, was successful with 14–1 chance *Montana Gold*, Curtis won with *Black Jack Blues*, Hamer, who hails from the Bridgend area, with 7–1 chance *Grovemere* and Bargoed's Llewellyn with 12–1 shot *Conellie* who, like *Montana Gold*, was ridden by Donal Fahy

RAISING FUNDS FOR ISABEL

PROMPTED by the recent injury suffered by local jockey Isabel Thompsett, the south and west Wales point-to-point area injured riders fund will be holding a family fun day at Merthyr Mawr, near Bridgend (by kind invitation of the Tudor family) on Sunday, June 26, starting at 12 noon.

There will be a knockout rounders competition (£30 per team of 10), teams to register prior to event by contacting Emma Jones, email ek.jones@btinternet.com or 07736 553011.

There will also be a south Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point dinner and presentation of annual awards on Saturday, July 9 at the Holiday Inn, Newport (guest speaker Luke Harvey).

Contact Guy Lewis on 07778 333779 or Carole David on 07973 261384;

Gifts to be auctioned currently include an original Dent's water-colour of Isabel and John on their gallops at Bargoed. All proceeds from both events will go towards the Isabel Thompsett recovery fund.

BRIAN LEE

TAOW students.

TAOW'S TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

STUDENTS from Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales travelled to Penarth on Saturday, June 11 for the Celtic Cup.

There were schools from all over Europe, and TAOW did themselves proud, coming away with 20 trophies in total, two of which were gold in sparring, won by Simran Athwal and India Howells.

Six silvers were won by Caitlin Morgan, Sam Boyd, Eve Evans, Emma Powson, India Howells and Dewi Casley, who won two fights to get into the final and lost to an excellent fighter.

Winning bronze were Jordan Sage (two), Jessica Morgan, Jade Evans, Ria Athwal, Daniel Morris, Brandon Nelson, Ellie Russel, Jason Russel, Ellie May Picton and Hollie Roberts.

It was an excellent day and TAOW came back very proud of every single student.

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Some of the students pictured at the event in Penarth.

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GEM sport

Cowbridge bowlers get rub of the green

PENGELLI Bowling Club ladies were the visitors to the Cowbridge Green last week.

Playing in a Cowbridge Challenge Shield match they provided stern opposition for Cowbridge Ladies, captained for the first time by Pat Holdswoth.

Cowbridge won the match by 55-50 and on two of the three rinks.

The quartet of Lynda Wilson, Margaret Cooper, Joan Bradley and Judy Springett had a good 23-9 win.

Other rink scores: Sue Flowers' rink 19-16, Helena Snelling's rink 13-25.

There were two other midweek games, both at Cadoxton.

The first of these was a mens' match in the Munro Cup.

Cowbridge lost this one overall by 25, despite an excellent performance by acting captain Dennis Snelling's team, who won 21-13.

Dennis, as skip, was well supported by Terry Dunsworth, Bill Looker and Colin Wilson.

Other rink scores were: Michael Bradley's team 10-19; Byron Richards' team 7-23 and Steve Dickens' team 19-10.

The following day it was the ladies turn to experience blustery conditions on the well maintained Cadoxton green.

Playing in a league game Cowbridge lost on all three rinks.

Rink scores: May Jones team 9-16; Joy Woolford's team 11-21 and Joan Bradley's team 14-22.

For the second league game of the season, the men's team were without captain Norman Wilkinson and Ron Frayling.

It was always going to be an uphill battle away to Gelligaer, a team which in recent years has played in Division 1 of the Cardiff and District League.

Cowbridge suffered its heaviest defeat for many years, losing on three of the four rinks and totalled 40 shots to the host's 126.

Despite this, Cowbridge gained two valuable away points through acting captain Dennis Snelling and his team, winning their battle 19-17.

Dennis, as skip, was well supported by Mansel Davey, Roger Brewer and John Jones.

Other rink scores: Roger Barwick's team 10-44; David Jones' team 6-34; Steve Dickens' team 5-31.

The Cadoxton and Gelligaer grass greens were in excellent condition.

Although teams have home advantage, better application and technique will be required on Saturday when the Cowbridge men's team again play on grass, this time at Gorseinon in the Carruthers Shield competition.

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COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Second place turns out to be the charm for school pupils

IN the under-15 county athletics championship final there were no girls crowned as champions.

However, Izzy Eddy Williams, Annabel Curle and Kim Jerwood all came second in the 100m, high jump and 1,500m walk respectively.

Other results were: 200m – Brooke Langton-Cryer 4th (heat); 800m – Alice Tudor 12th (final); 1,500m – Nadine James 7th and Rebecca Thomas 9th; 75m hurdles – Sarah Lewis 7th; 1,500m walk – Ellie Eddy Williams 5th; 4 x 100m - (Izzy, Jo, Brooke, Rebecca) 5th; Long jump – Sarah Lewis 10th, Jo Wilkins 12th; Shot – Paige Williams 8th; Javelin – Nia Patel 15th.

Girl athletes make finals

IN the cup heats, there is an A and B competition; the first and second team goes to the knockout cup A final and third and fourth goes to the B cup final. Athletes compete in one track and field event.

In the under-14s and under-16s competition, the girls performed really well and came second overall behind Cardiff High School, so go on to the A cup final.

Under-14s

Seren Allin and Maya Bell (year-7) both came first in the 1,500m and long jump A competition and Sarah Lewis, Nadine James and Alice Tudor came first in the 70m hurdles, 1500m and 800m in the B competition.

Ellie Eddy Williams (100m), Rebecca Thomas (800m) and Brooke Langton Cryer (high jump) came second in the A competition and Sian Smith (javelin), Caitlin Jones (high jump) and Josie Palmer (discus) came second in the competition.

Other results: **A Cup** –Annabel Curle 70m hurdles (4th); Brooke Langton Cryer 200m (3rd); Hannah Lister Sims Javelin (4th); Paige Williams shot (3rd) and Megan McNamee discus (3rd).

B Cup – Megan Thorne 200m (4th); Gemma Viney 100m (3rd) and long jump (7th); Hannah Clarke shot (7th).

In the under-16 competition, there were first places in the A cup for Izzy Eddy Williams 100m, javelin and the relay team (Izzy Eddy Williams, Jo Wilkins, Sarah Lewis and Jordan Carpenter). There were second places for Annable Curle (75m hurdles and high jump), Caitlin Allin (200m) and Jordan Carpenter (800m).

Other results for the A Cup were Beth Sloane 1500m (4th); Hannah Woodward shot (3rd); Jo Wilkins long jump (3rd) and Jordan Carpenter discus (4th).

In the B cup there were second places for Sarah Lewis (75m hurdles and long jump); Nia Patel (1500m); Megan Langton-Cryer (800m) and Caitlin Allin (high jump).

Other results were Hannah Woodward 200m (4th); Jo Wilkins 100m (3rd); Nia Patel javelin (4th); Bethan Sloan shot (3rd), and Megan Langton-Cryer discus (3rd).

Both teams now go on to the A cup final. Unfortunately many of the under-16 girls are on a French exchange, but the school hopes to field a strong team.

Good luck everyone.

Tennis – Vale tournament for pupils

THE under-15 girls (Jordan Carpenter, Annabel Drew, Lili Evans, Nia Patel and Menekse Multu-Smith) played in the first round of the Cardiff and Vale tennis tournament at Dinas Powys on Wednesday, June 15.

We had a day of mixed fortune, winning our first match against St Richard Gwyn 6–0 but losing our next two matches against very strong opposition, 0–6 and 1–5, to St Cyres and Stanwell.

Stanwell proved the stronger school, winning their match against St Cyres and will go through to the county final.

Player of the match: Jordan Carpenter.

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Gareth sets sail for race success!

Matt Whitfield and Gareth Viney, of Cowbridge, are pictured in competition, racing their Feva. The pair will be travelling to compete in the Netherlands in July.
SEE PAGE 34 FOR THE FULL STORY
PICTURE: PETER NEWTON

West Wales XI show their skill on sand!

IT poured with rain on Friday night and torrential showers hit Cowbridge on Saturday morning.

When the opposition in the form of Gowerton B was rung for the cancellation to be confirmed, the West Wales side was told that the weather was much better in Swansea, and, as the pitch was laid on the free draining sand that once comprised the dunes of Mumbles Bay, the match would go ahead despite the lack of covers.

The pitch proved to be a thin layer of soft soil on sand, totally lacking in bounce, and with many balls scarcely rising above ankle height.

The game started 30 minutes late and was limited to 40 overs each way because both sides had serious problems with traffic jams.

Cowbridge fortunately won the toss as their two opening bowlers were still en route, and elected to bat, opening with one of the several father and son combinations in the team this year.

Nick Rowland and son Liam at once laid into the Gowerton bowling, reaching 144 for the first wicket including several sixes.

Nick eventually made 76 and Liam 82 which, when Sean Rowland's unbeaten 14 were added, totalled 172 from one family, probably a record for the team.

Other contributions were limited, but there were some nice strokes from Rian Thomas and Dan Evans, parted from Evans senior on this occasion, and Cowbridge finished on 255 for 7.

Rafi Sharzad and Sadr Zamad opened the bowling for Cowbridge, and their respective figures of 2 wickets for 14, and 3 for 17 off their first 6 overs meant the game was almost won with Gowerton then looking for 220 from 28 overs.

At this point Gowerton correctly invoked ECB guidance on bowling for under-15s and, despite both bowlers being well within their limits, they were taken off.

They were replaced by Sean Rowland and Cai Owen, who was supported by such alert wicket keeping from father Richard that the Gowerton batsmen were unable to risk their crease and Cai's beautifully flighted and turning deliveries earned him 3 wickets for 14 runs.

He is particularly to be commended for not losing his nerve when attacked by the Gowerton captain in his first over and then giving the ideal riposte in his second and third.

Sean bowled well but was justifiably no balled through no fault of his own when over enthusiasm from a fielder encouraging him during his run up was considered to be distracting the batsman, a warning to others who want cricket to be as talkative as other less serious sports!

There was some good fielding with newcomer Jo Russell taking a fine catch and even the captain redeeming his golden duck by catching Gowerton's highest scorer off Rian Thomas' bowling.

It was an enjoyable game despite the one sided nature and not only earned Cowbridge maximum points, but provided useful lessons and experience.

CRICKET TEAM GET THAT 'RUN' DOWN FEELING!

Cowbridge firsts cricket team were in action on the weekend and were involved in a rather low-scoring encounter with Llanelli.
See page 34 for the full report.

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